

A vibrant, painterly illustration of Jesus with his arms outstretched in a forest, surrounded by white doves and sheep. The scene is filled with green foliage and a warm, golden light. Jesus is depicted in the lower right, wearing a brown robe with a sash, his arms raised in prayer. The background is a dense forest of tall, thin trees, with a soft glow emanating from behind him. Numerous white doves are scattered throughout the scene, some in flight and some perched on branches. In the foreground, several white sheep are grazing in a grassy field. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

# LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

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Praying the Psalms  
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, AD 2024

9 am



## GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

### **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 96*

Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength.

**We give to the LORD the glory due his name;**

Bring an offering and come into his courts.

**We worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;**

Tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations,

**“The LORD reigns!”**

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he is coming to judge  
the earth.**

### **\*Songs of Praise**

“Good, Good Father”

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

### **\*Blessing God**

### **\*Song of Praise**

“Great Are You, Lord”



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### **\*Greeting and Announcements**

*Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children’s Church.*

## Minute for Mission

VBS 2024, Jerusalem Marketplace

### Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

*Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

*Revelation 19:9, 11-16*

And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine

linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction,

**That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.**

## **Sermon**

Scott Graham

“THE Wedding Invitation”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### **Time of Reflection**

### **\*Offertory and Song of Response**

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

*Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.*

### **Scriptural Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you have entrusted us to be stewards over your glorious creation. Soon you are coming back to bring history to an end and to make all things new. We admit that all too often we have slept on the job, we have neglected to fill our lamps for your arrival, we have tossed your invitation to the wedding banquet into the “answer later” pile. Search our hearts with your eyes of fire. Draw our vision back to your worth, away from the trinkets that distract and deceive us. You and you alone are worthy of our praise, our confession, and our repentance.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon



## INTERCESSION

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### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

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### \*Song of Response

"It Is Well with My Soul"

### \*Response

**Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!**

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*Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.*

*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harvard Bardwell and Scott Wheaton by Dadie and Princeton Bardwell.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 110:1-4*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Be Part of the Plan! Take the Survey!** Our church turns 200 in 2027! In preparation for our bicentennial, we want to celebrate how Christ has led us, and pursue the path he is showing. We want your voice to be heard in our discernments. A brief 3- to 5-minute congregational survey is live on our app, the website or you may scan the QR code to participate. Please take the survey by midnight on Sunday, April 28.



**Vacation Bible School: Register or Volunteer Today!** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is in two months, June 10–13. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) for volunteer and camper details.



**“Man Up!” Men’s Conference This Weekend at Abounding Love Ministries.** Abounding Love Ministries presents the “Man Up!” Conference Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26. Come worship and attend workshops on health and finance. Details at [almstarsbr.com](http://almstarsbr.com).



**“Art of the Heart Lunch” May 3.** Celebrate, connect and engage in community support for educating the hearts of young learners at the Manners of the Heart “Art for the Heart” lunch featuring artwork by Louisiana artists and music by Magnolia Strings. Visit [mannersoftheheart.org](http://mannersoftheheart.org) for details and tickets.

**rEcess Is May 3!** Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in rEcess ([jess.concienne@gmail.com](mailto:jess.concienne@gmail.com) or 225.892.3212).

**Confirmation Celebration May 5.** Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith. Come support them at a celebratory service Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary! A reception follows.

**“Here at the End of All Things: How to Deal with Change”** Endings come but when we trust that the world’s true end is the day of Christ Jesus, we live in hope. We live for his mission. Copies of Gerrit’s latest article for [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org) are available at the Connection Center.

