



LOVED BEFORE YOU WERE MADE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 13, AD 2023

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jaime Carnaggio

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Psalm 103 & Ephesians 1

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

***Songs of Praise**

“Good, Good Father”

“Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“What a Beautiful Name”

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

***Greeting and Announcements**

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Minute for Mission

Jena and Kevin Smith, EPC World Outreach

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:1-3

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places . . .

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ, our head.

He makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Two at the Same Time"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“This Is Our God”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Father, you have said it so plainly in your Word. Every blessing in the Spirit is ours. Every. Single. One. Given by you for our enrichment and even for our delight. We are in you. We are in Christ. But we have not always seen this as the surpassing blessing that it is. We are citizens of heaven. But we have desired the lesser things of this world. Mirages that only appear to be blessings. Holy Spirit, let us see this world for the wilderness that it is. Correct the wayward course of our hearts and guide us along the way of holiness that ends at the gates of paradise. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Because He Lives (Amen)”

*Response

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Meeting Today. All rising 6th grade students and parents are invited to a Confirmation meeting today at 10.10 am in basement.

Today Is Promotion Sunday! After checking in on the computers, head to the classroom of the grade you are entering this new school year!

Youth Parents' Meeting Next Sunday. Drop off your kids at Sunday school then join the Youth Ministry team for breakfast in the Gym at 10.10 am. You'll hear plans for the upcoming school year, get dates for 2024 summer trips and meet Daniel Croskrey, the new Middle School Youth Director.

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Men's Gathering, August 23. It's time to gather for a Men's Ministry fall kickoff! Chris Bruno of Restoration Project in Fort Collins, Colorado will be our speaker. Chris' ministry helps foster brotherhood while calling men to restore those around them. Join us for bbq, drinks and discussion at Calvin Fabr e's house from 6 to 8 pm!

30s and 40s Women's Social, August 24. Save the date for our next social Thursday, August 24. We'll gather from 6.30 to 8.30 pm at the home of Kristen Carney (3235 Fritchie Dr.). RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (jaimc@fpibr.org).

Missions Conference In Two Weeks. We are privileged to have two speakers for our Global Missions Conference on August 25- 27: Gabriel de Guia of EPC World Outreach, and our longtime beloved global missions partner, Peter Kiwanuka. Further details online at fpibr.org.

Ecclesiastes: Life Under the Sun Women's Study. Is there anything new under the sun? Join Women's Ministry for the richness of Ecclesiastes. There are various meeting days and times that all begin the week of August 28. Please visit fpibr.org for details.

Worship with Abounding Love, September 3. Members of Abounding Love Ministries will join us for a special combined worship service Sunday, September 3 at 11 am. Pastor Adraine White will deliver the message, their worship team will join ours and we'll have communion together.

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs Baton Rouge Conference, September 13. Calling all business owners, entrepreneurs, and C-level executives to join us for this year's conference to foster spiritual growth while equipping us to extend our influence beyond spreadsheets. Registration is open!

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 in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Miller and Blake Miller by the Robert Miller family.

Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:4-6

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