



ORDER OF WORSHIP



AUGUST 6, AD 2023

9 AM





GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

From Psalm 73

Oh LORD, my God, how can it be? I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

***Songs of Praise**

“Behold Our God”

“The Lion and the Lamb”

***Blessing God**

***Song of Praise**

“King of Kings”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Standing*



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Psalm 73:1-5

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.
For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

Psalm 73:13-26

All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.
If I had said, "I will speak thus,"
I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task,
until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
Like a dream when one awakes,
O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

All Scripture is breathed out by God, and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness.

So the person of God might be equipped for every good work.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“God Is the Strength of My Heart”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, the psalmist declared, “There is nothing on earth I desire besides you.” I wonder if that is true about me. I desire so many things. I want to be comfortable and safe. I want to be right. I want to be well. I want to be in the inner circle. I want to be admired. I want to be appealing. I want to have means to do what I want, whenever I want. Do I want these more than you? If I had them, but did not have you, would it be enough? I am tempted. But I know the truth: apart from you I have no good. You alone are what I most truly want. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



LORD'S SUPPER

We Are Welcomed to the Table

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We Commune with Jesus

Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.

Communion Offering

“Lord, I Need You”

“All Must Be Well”



BENEDICTION

Closing Prayer

***Response**

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

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Scripture for Next Week: Ephesians 1:1-3

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to (Sunday) School Mingle Today. Looking for a new Sunday school class or wondering what's coming next in your favorite class? Join us for a Sunday school mingle in the Reception Room after worship. Classes resume on August 13.

Welcome Daniel and Candace at the Mingle. Come say hello to our two new staff members after worship at the Back to (Sunday) School Mingle. Candace Walker, Director of Childhood Ministry, and Daniel Croskrey, Director of Middle School Youth, will both be there to say hello.

Confirmation Meeting Next Sunday. Rising 6th graders and parents are invited to a Confirmation meeting with Gerrit and the Confirmation Team next Sunday, August 13 at 10.10 am in the Sanctuary Basement.

Promotion Sunday, August 13. After checking in on the computers, head to the classroom of the grade you are entering this new school year! Rising first graders report to the Kingdom Kids hallway.

LSU Prayer Walk, August 12. International Friendship Partners invites you to a prayer walk across the LSU campus Saturday, August 12. Meet at the main entrance of the LSU Union at 8.15 am.

Youth Parents' Meeting, August 20. 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.

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 Fabre's house from 6 to 8 pm!

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



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