

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. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

LYRICS FOR HIS LIFE

Praying the Psalms
with Jesus

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 17, AD 2024

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

*Welcome and Call to Worship

In the safety and quiet of the Upper Room, Jesus yet grew troubled.
“One of you will betray me!”

“Surely not I!” they all said, but Jesus knew better.
Jesus replied, “He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.”

We know the sickening feeling of being betrayed by a loved one.
Jesus, we feel your dismay. We long to comfort you with faithfulness.

So as we rise to praise, we consecrate our wandering hearts,
We join them to Jesus that he might feel us draw close.

*Songs of Praise

“Come Ye Sinners”
“His Mercy Is More”

*Blessing God

*Song of Praise

“Bless God”



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Psalm 41:5-9

My enemies say of me in malice,
 “When will he die, and his name perish?”
And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
 while his heart gathers iniquity;
 when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
All who hate me whisper together about me;
 they imagine the worst for me.

They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
 he will not rise again from where he lies.”
Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
 who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Psalm 55:12-14, 20-21

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—
 then I could bear it;
it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—
 then I could hide from him.
But it is you, a man, my equal,
 my companion, my familiar friend.
We used to take sweet counsel together;
 within God's house we walked in the throng.

My companion stretched out his hand against his friends;
 he violated his covenant.
His speech was smooth as butter,
 yet war was in his heart;
his words were softer than oil,
 yet they were drawn swords.

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

Gerrit Dawson

“Betrayed”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“Revelation Song”

Please place your offering and prayer requests in the baskets.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, be gracious to us and heal us, for we have sinned against you! Though we would never intentionally betray you, we have been neglectful. Our drowsy, distracted devotion to you has not matched your passionate, unwavering faithfulness to us. But we would do better! Holy Spirit, wake us up. Open our eyes. Fill our hearts with greater love as we walk with our Savior through his last days. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon



INTERCESSION

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

*Response

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Combined Palm Sunday Worship Next Week! Join us for our palm procession on North Blvd. at 10 am, then worship in the Sanctuary followed by a fish fry lunch with fun children’s activities. Childcare will **not** be available during lunch. Those not eating are welcome to bring a picnic blanket and fellowship with us. Casual dress is encouraged. Overflow parking will be available at the Old Governor’s Mansion.

RSVP for Fish Fry Lunch. Join us for a fish fry after worship next Sunday. Register by scanning the QR code or visit fpcbr.org. Cost is \$5 for children 12 years and younger and \$15 for adults. Pro tip: You can get through the line quicker with a picture or printed copy of your receipt!

Get Ready to Hunt Eggs! Children through 3rd grade are invited to next Sunday’s egg hunt. Parents, please bring 12 filled plastic eggs per child and place them in the large baskets stationed at various church entrances on Palm Sunday prior to 10 am. Eggs should be lightly taped shut. No candy with nuts or peanut butter.



Girls’ Retreat Registration Ends Tomorrow. All middle and high school girls are invited to a floral-themed lunch and fellowship on March 23 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Fabrés’. The cost to attend is \$10. Scholarships are available upon request (jessica@fpcbr.org).

Final Wednesday Noon Communion: With Experiential Prayer! By popular demand, for our last Lenten communion in the Chapel, we will once again add several prayer stations to experience after communion. Take your devotion deeper with these moving exercises!

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Mission Trips Meetings. Join us for a Romania Mission trip meeting tonight at 5.30 at Cammie Davis' (12211 Lake Estates Ave.). On Sunday, March 24 at 5.30 pm, the Shoенfelt's (232 Granville Ct.) are hosting a Colombia trip meeting. All are invited.

Service of Shadows: 7 pm Thursday, March 28. The candles. The darkness. Communion. Original music. The mystery of the 4th cup. The path from cross to tomb. Don't miss this moving service on Holy Thursday.

Easter Sunday, March 31. Gather around the empty tomb in the Terraced Garden for a brief sunrise service at 6.30 am followed by breakfast. Sanctuary services will be at 9 and 11 am with Sunday school at 10.10 am.

See "The Chosen" Apostles in Our Reception Room! The session has accepted a generous donation from an art collector: stunning 19th century portraits of the apostles. These disciples were chosen by Christ to carry his message to the world. Spend some time with these renditions.

Women's Spring Picnic, April 13. All ladies are invited to the annual Spring Picnic where we will enjoy fellowship with women of all ages, as well as feast on a delicious spread of salads and snacks. Join us Saturday, April 13 from 11 am to 1 pm at the home of Kelli Bankston. \$10 per person. RSVP at fpcbr.org.

GriefShare®. A new GriefShare® group is forming on Monday evenings, 6.30-8.30, beginning April 15. Chris Phillips will lead the group which will meet at Phillip Juban's home near the State Archives building. Space is limited. Email Scott Graham (scott@fpcbr.org) or Laura Shaw (laura@fpcbr.org) if interested.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Cunningham by his grandchildren Mary Michael and Robert McDuff.

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 118:19-29
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