



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

May 1, AD 2022

9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Colton Underwood

Welcome

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 86

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
Save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.
**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord,
do I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love
to all who call upon you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any
works like yours.
**All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you,
O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my
heart to fear your name.
**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.**

*Songs of Praise

“Good, Good Father”

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

*Blessing God

**Standing*

*Song of Praise

“The King in All His Beauty”

*Greeting and Announcements

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever. That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

“Remove This Thorn!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You say that your grace is always enough. We want to believe it's true. We want your power to rest on us and to flow through us. We want glorious visions. We want great accomplishment. But we also really want a life free of pain. Not for a moment, nor for any reason, do we want to admit frailty or failure. We ask again and again, "Please do not make us go there." Forgive us. Teach us what it means to boast in our weakness that we might dwell sheltered under the power of the Risen Lord. 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 Meditation

“Your Grace Is Enough”



BENEDICTION

***Offertory and Song of Response**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

***Response**

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

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: *The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Crosby McDuff and Jane and Louis Quinn by Ann and Michael McDuff.*

Scripture for Next Week: *Hebrews 12: 3-11*

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at fpcbr.org/connect.

Prayer Requests. We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to prayer@fpcbr.org, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Confirmation This Afternoon. Our 6th grade students prepare all year to make their public profession of faith at a special worship service. Today at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, they will profess Christ and be confirmed as active members of our church. Come support them at this celebratory service! A reception follows.

Loving Our rEcess Families! On Friday, May 6 volunteers will 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 monthly rEcess (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Women's Bible Study Workshop. Join us for a 3-week workshop as we seek to more confidently approach and interpret the Word of God. Study dates are Thursday, May 5 and May 12 in FPC Room 202 at 9.30 am. Childcare is available by contacting Jaime (jaime@fpcbr.org).

Mother's Day Concert in Chapel. On Sunday, May 8 at 3 pm treat your mother to an afternoon of beautiful music by our own Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin and special guest, Roger W. Lowther, organist. Rachel formerly worked with Roger in Japan collaborating with pastors and local churches to play concerts and share the gospel.

Single Memorial Day Service. We will have one combined service on May 29 at 10.30 am in celebration of Memorial Day.

Colton Underwood Ordination Celebration. Join us in celebrating Colton Underwood's ordination on Sunday, May 29. Reception to follow the morning's combined worship.



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