



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

July 2, AD 2023

10.30 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood

Prelude

“All Hail the Power” arranged by James Curnow

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From the New Testament Epistles

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from heaven we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will make all things new.

Meanwhile, we know that we are strangers and exiles on the earth, desiring a better country, a heavenly one.

We have been summoned out of the world that we might return to the world with news of grace, hope and love in Christ.

We are ambassadors for Christ Jesus, ministers of his reconciliation, a people with a gospel mission.

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession.

Let us proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

***Medley of Praise**

“Great God, Our King” A Medley of Thanksgiving and Praise

***Blessing God**

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, you have left us signs of your goodness all around us. But we fail to notice them. We believe the lies that this present world is all there is, that nothing will ever change, and that your vision for the world can never be. So, we play in the shallows of what you have revealed. We lose hope. We get sour and downcast. Forgive us. Restore in us faith in the new heavens and the new earth which you have not only promised, but accomplished in the life, death, resurrection and soon return of Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"Christ's Everlasting Gospel Is Ringing Out!" melody by Gustav Holst

Arranged by Christopher Phillips

Christ's everlasting gospel is ringing out again.
Its message of salvation, its peace, good will to men;
Though sin has hurled its weapons, and evil host assailed,
The gospel of Christ Jesus has evermore prevailed.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia now we sing!
Alleluia! All hail the King of Kings!

Sometimes the sky is darkened and stormy clouds appear,
But still beyond the shadows the light is bright and clear.
The God of truth has spoken; his word will never fail,
The gospel of Christ Jesus shall more and more prevail!
Our King shall come in glory, his conq'ring cross we hail!
The pow'r of his salvation shall never, never fail!

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross,
Lift high his royal banner it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army shall he lead,
'Til every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Response Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 345 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

2 Kings 6: 8-17

Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there."

And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.

And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?” And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.” And he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him.” It was told him, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

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

“Message to American Christians: Live Like a Narnian!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Song of Response

“Is He Worthy?”



LORD’S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion 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.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Communing in Christ

Prayer of Thanks

Please come forward to receive communion.

Communion Meditation

“Amazing Grace” arranged by James Curnow



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“Blessed Assurance Reprise”

MUSICIANS

Rafael Galvan-Herrera, violin

Eduard Teregulov, cello

Blake Hanna, trumpet

Steve Gustafson, piano/organ

Rick Naqvi, electric guitar

Jared Williams, bass guitar

Lindsey Spiller, percussion



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 fpibr.org/connect.

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

Youth Volunteers Needed for S.T.A.R.S. Sports Camp. The annual Abounding Love Ministries S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp is this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and needs volunteers to help coordinate activities, coach campers and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Whitney Alexander to volunteer and get service hours (225.810.2607).

Hallowed Be Thy Name Study Begins This Wednesday. Join Women's Ministry as it explores God's lesser known, but powerful names found in Scripture and contemplates the ways each name draws us into a unique, personal relationship with him. We meet each Wednesday in July from 6.30 to 8 pm at Amber McConnell's home (4352 Woodside Drive). Fellowship starts at 6.15 pm.

"Pack a Backpack" Starts Next Week. We need your help filling 110 kindergarteners' backpacks for the newly forming McKinley Elementary! Deacons will be in the Reception Room to help you "adopt" an empty backpack before and after worship July 9, 16 and 23. Backpacks will be dedicated Sunday, July 30 in worship. Online donations can be made, and more information can be found, at fpibr.org.

Officer Suggestions for the 2026 Class. The Officer Nominating Committee nominates elders and deacons by receiving suggested names of members from the congregation, prayerfully preparing a slate and presenting the slate at the annual October congregational meeting for election. Please be in prayer about who you might suggest. Please make your suggestions by July 31. Cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at fpibr.org.

Summer Picnic, July 30. Please join us for a summer picnic on the Terraced Garden on Sunday, July 30 from 12 pm to 2 pm! Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy fellowship, fun and food catered by Hannah Q Smokehouse! Register online at fpibr.org. Individuals: \$10. Families with two to four members: \$20. Families with five or more members: \$30.

10.30 am Worship in July. Each Sunday in July we will gather and worship together for one 10.30 am service in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

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Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Nickell, Harry's mother, and Henry B. Alsobrook Jr., Eugenie's father, by Eugenie and Harry Burglass.

*Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 18: 20-33
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