



# GENESIS

STORIES FROM THE START

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MAY 21, AD 2023  
11 AM



# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis*

## **Prelude**

“Sicilienne” by Maria Theresia von Paradis

Andre Moncrieff, violin

Steve Gustafson, piano

## **\*Welcome and Call to Worship**

*From 1 Corinthians 15*

By a man came death, by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

**The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.**

As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,

**As is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.**

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**Let us give thanks and praise to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

No. 76 “O for a Thousand Tongues”

AZMON

## **\*Blessing God**

## **\*Scriptural Call to Confession**

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Like Adam and Eve in the Garden, we have been seduced by the silky voice of Satan. The ancient serpent told us lies about you. And sadly, we believed him. We suspected you, our loving Creator, of keeping something from us. We foolishly imagined we could be like you. We were so confused that we thought disobeying you was the best way to become like you. How ridiculous! Forgive us, Lord. Give us ears to hear only the faithful and true words of the second and better Adam, our savior, Jesus. We no longer wish to be like you. But we desperately want to be with you. We come out of hiding to meet with you today. Amen.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response**

GREATOREX

**What love could remember no wrongs we have done,  
Omniscient, all-knowing he counts not their sum,  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more.  
Praise the Lord! His mercy is more, stronger than darkness, new every morn,  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more.**

**\*Greeting and Announcements**

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

**Offertory**

“Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” from *Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs* (1784)

Arranged by Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

*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

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### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 87 “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” (vs. 1-3, 5)

LAUDES DOMINI

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Genesis 3: 1-7*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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

“Tragic Fall”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

### \*Hymn of Response

No. 466 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

ABERYSTWYTH



## LORD'S SUPPER

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### 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

“Adagio Cantabile” by Giuseppe Tartini



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

#### Postlude

“Preludio” from *Partita No. 3* by J.S. Bach



## 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](https://fpcbr.org/connect).

**One 10.30 am Service Next Sunday.** We will have one combined service on May 28 at 10.30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday school.

**Camper and Helper VBS Registration Now Online!** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS engages all senses and transports your child to a different time and a fresh experience. Children entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Adults and youth are invited to volunteer as leaders and helpers. Please visit [fpcbr.org/vbs](https://fpcbr.org/vbs) for details and registration. VBS dates are June 19-23.



VBS QR Code

**New Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's Room.** Our Bride's Room now doubles as a Crying Babies/Nursing Mother's room on Sunday mornings. This location, as well as the Parlor, are available with closed circuit TV simulcasting the 9 and 11 am services.

**International Friendship Partners Pool Party.** Join us for a poolside party at the Wilsons' home (2077 Ramsey Drive) on Friday, May 26 from 6-8 pm. There will be swimming, games and food! RSVP to LeeAnn Kozan ([leeannkozan@gmail.com](mailto:leeannkozan@gmail.com)).

**Praying for the Romania Mission Team.** Please continue to include the Romania mission team members in your prayers. Whitney Alexander, Cammie Davis, Mark Lamond, Carol Lazar, Peter Lazar, John McClelland, Jim Mouk, Jonathan Wagner and Rachel Williams will be ministering to the gypsies at The Smiles Foundation in Cihei, May 19-27.

**Calling All 6th Grade Parents!** Please contact Jessica Saffell ([jessica@fpcbr.org](mailto:jessica@fpcbr.org)) if your child will be in the 6th grade in the upcoming school year. We want to be sure all 6th graders are invited to the next Confirmation class.

**College Scholarships Available!** The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members who anticipate having difficulty meeting the obligations of continued education. Applications are available at [fpcbr.org](https://fpcbr.org) and are due by June 15, 2023.

**Home for the Summer?** We have a new Sunday school class for college students; the Bridge. Join us at 10.10 am in room EB 301.

**Staying in Touch with You.** If you've moved, changed your email address or have a new phone number, we'd like to know about it. Help us keep our membership database updated. Please call us with your changes, 225.387.0617.

*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 to the glory of God and in thankful memory of our mothers, Kathryn Leake Graving and Dorothy Stebbins Mullins, by Kathy and Julius Mullins.*

**Scripture for Next Week: Genesis 11: 1-9**  
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