

GOLDEN THREADS

TRACING THE TAPESTRY OF SCRIPTURE



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

April 6, AD 2025 | 11 am

Fifth Sunday of Lent



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Prelude

"Praise His Greatness" arranged by Mark Hayes
Steve Gustafson, piano

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Proverbs 9 & Psalm 25

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him.
He makes known to them his covenant. In faith and faithfulness, let us sing the praise of such a good and gracious God!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 262 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA

***Blessing God**

***Scriptural Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Dearest heavenly Father, with the psalm, I pray, "Unite my heart to fear your name." Yet, I know that I often have a divided heart. I want what I want without regard for your will. I try to ignore your reality and make my own. I walk in my distortions along the way I choose, as if you did not exist or care. Forgive me. I do fear you. You are reality. Entrusting myself to you is the way of joy. So please unite my fragmented heart to the single heartbeat of Jesus, who lives for your glory and the world's salvation. Guide me in his way of truth.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

**Standing*

***Response**

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

***Greeting and Announcements**

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

Offertory

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God” arranged by Sunmin Kim

The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe.
All things created by his hand and held together at his command.
He knows the myst'ries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are his.
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of his ways that mark the path of righteousness.
His Word a lamp unto my feet; his Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And, O the myst'ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!
A lamp unto our feet, the wisdom from above;
His wisdom lights the way, revealing endless love!

O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love!
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of sov'reignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace.
So through the trials I choose to say, “Your perfect will in your perfect way.”

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**

“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 25:12–14

Who is the man who fears the LORD?
Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.
The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.

Philippians 2:12–13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

“Golden Threads, Part Five: Fear God!”



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Hymn of Response**

No. 51 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA



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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” arranged by Stan Pethel



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arranged by Michael Burkhardt



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We're so glad you could join us today. Each week we seek to press deeper into Christ and then follow his lead to go further into the world with his love. As part of that mission, 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.

Palm Sunday Festival! Palm Sunday festival! It all kicks off at 10 am with a procession around North Boulevard followed by worship then a crawfish boil and children's activities.

Palm Sunday Crawfish Boil Tickets. We have more crawfish plates available for purchase until 1 pm TODAY! Click the QR code. If you miss the registration deadline, a VERY LIMITED number of crawfish plates will be available on Palm Sunday. Those who pre-register for lunch, should pick up your physical ticket at the Connection Center.



"Behold the Lamb!" Maundy Thursday Service. Join us for this immersive worship experience on Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm. We will relive the story of our salvation and the passion of Jesus through music, drama, sights, sounds and touch. A new take on Holy Thursday. Childcare will be offered. Free parking will be available in the 7th Street public parking lot between 6.30 and 8.30 pm.

Festive Easter Sunday Worship. Join us April 20 at 6.30 am in the Terraced Garden (breakfast to follow), or in the Sanctuary at 9 am or 11 am. Feel free to bring flowers to adorn the cross on North Blvd. There will be Sunday school for all ages.

Our Last Mid-Week Lent Service. This Wednesday, April 9, is our last mid-week Lent noon service. Join us as we gather together and prepare our hearts and minds for the passion of Holy Week. We meet in Dunham Chapel.

Donkey Tales Today at 6 pm. Joyful Noise invites you to a hee-hawing good time tonight at 6 pm in the Gym. Join Tex and her friends to see how God creatively communicates with us. A BBQ meal will be served afterwards.

Egg Hunt Details. Please drop your donated plastic candy-filled eggs in one of the designated baskets by the end of today (no nuts, peanut butter, or chocolate). Children through 3rd grade are invited to participate in the egg hunt. Those in pre-k and younger will hunt eggs in the playground next to the Gym. Those in kindergarten through 3rd grade will hunt eggs in the Courtyard. The hunt begins following worship next Sunday.

Blessing Jamie Pitts' New Home. Our Habitat for Humanity homeowner has officially purchased her new home! Let's bless Jamie by stocking her shelves with non-perishable food and supplies. Drop off donations at the Connection Center through Palm Sunday. Suggestions: cleansers, laundry detergent, cereal, grits, paper products, cooking oil, pasta, rice, dried spices, etc.

Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Nan & Herb Boydston to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for his gift of their grandchildren: Wilson Russ, John Russ, Corinne Boydston, James Ryan Whittington, John Herbie Boydston, Kerby Boydston and Kate Boydston.

Scripture for Next Week:
2 Chronicles 20:12, 15-18, 20-21



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