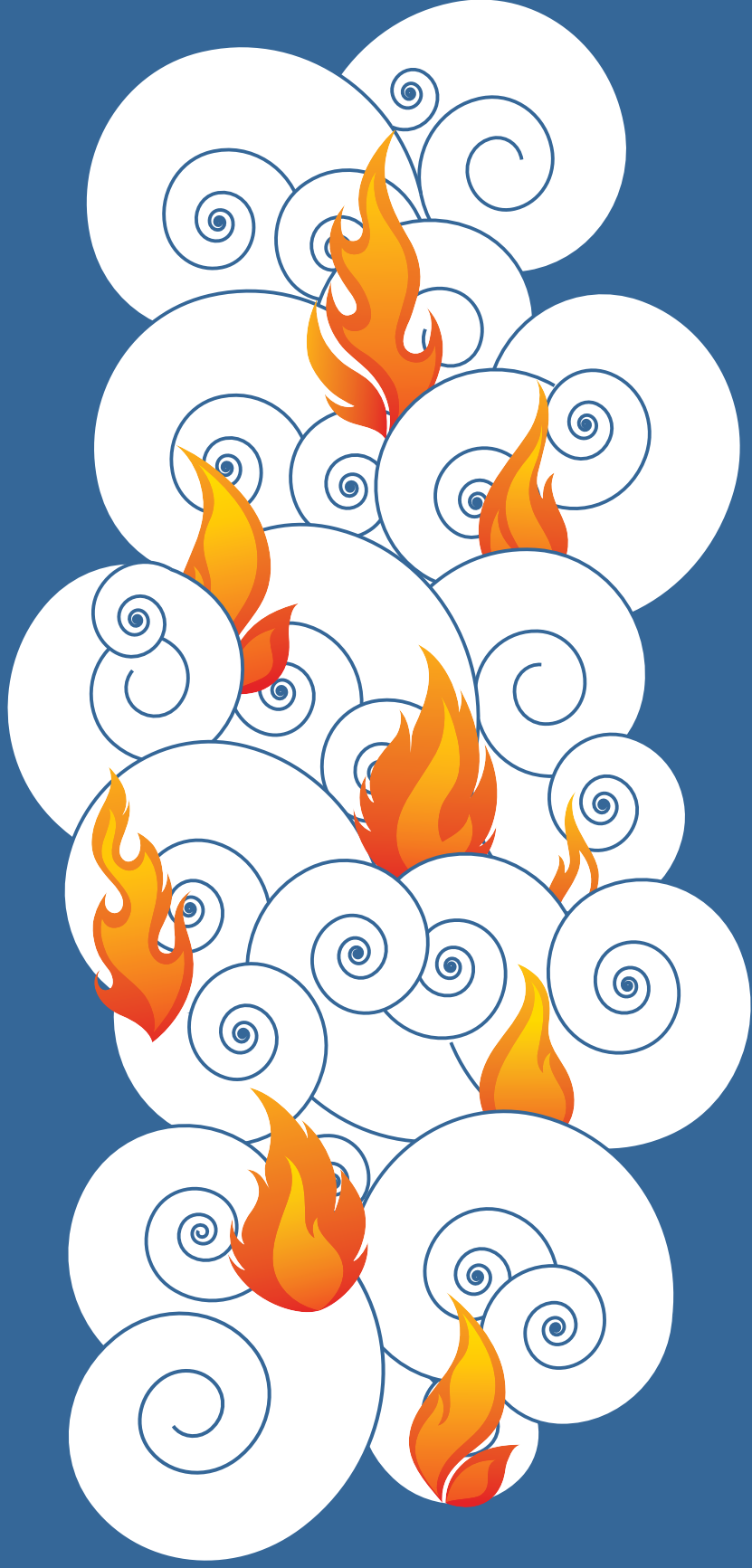


ORDER OF WORSHIP  
May 31, AD 2026 11 am

# WITH GOD IN THE WILDERNESS





# GATHERING TO PRAISE

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*Assisting Pastor: Colton Underwood*

## **Prelude**

“Be Still, My Soul” arranged by Sam Cardon  
Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, violin  
Steve Gustafson, piano

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

The LORD of cloud and fire sweeps into our presence this hour.  
**Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses his people with peace.**

The LORD is providing manna from heaven to feed us as we walk each day.  
**Glory be to God, who is refining and renewing us through his Holy Spirit.**

The glory of the LORD is appearing, moving us to humble worship.  
**May we receive what we need from his hand, even as we praise his holy name!**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

“O God beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

## **\*Blessing God**

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

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you lead us through your Holy Spirit toward courage, but we too often prefer our fears. As our Counselor, you tell us the truth, but we cling to illusions. You feed us what is needed for each day, but we too often miss your provision and ignore your commands.**

**Father God, come to us again. Shake our hearts and set our souls on fire with your love. We hold out to you our particular burdens of guilt and sin, that you may remove them and fill our hands with your goodness through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **\*Silent Confession**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*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.*

**Minute for Mission**

Jena & Kevin Smith, EPC World Outreach to the Middle East

**Offertory**

"Cause Us, O Lord" by Ron Nelson

Cause us, O Lord our God, to lie down each night in peace,  
And to awaken to renewed life and strength.  
Lord, help us to order our lives by thy council,  
Lead us in the paths of righteousness.  
Lord, be thou a shield about us, protect us.  
Save our world from sorrow, from hate, and from war.  
Curb thou within us the will to do evil.  
Shelter us beneath the shadow of thy wings.  
Amen.

*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. 561 “We Gather Together”

KREMSER

### Time with God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

*Exodus 16:1–7, 27–31*

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none. And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws? See! The LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.” So the people rested on the seventh day.

Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

*Deuteronomy 8:2–3*

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

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

Scott Graham

“Wilderness Training”



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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### Time of Reflection

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 43 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

### Pastoral 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.**



## BENEDICTION

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#### \*Response

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

### Postlude

"Ode to Joy" by Beethoven; arranged by Latham

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*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 in loving memory of our parents, Audrey & Bill Andrews and Faye & Frank L.Norwood, by Janis & Colin Andrews.*

*Scripture for Next Week: Exodus 17:1-7*

*Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.*



## 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](mailto:prayer@fpcbr.org), or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Let's Help Habitat for Humanity!** Habitat for Humanity is calling for volunteers to lend a hand building a home currently under construction. Join us on Saturday, June 20 or Wednesday, June 24 from 7.45 am to 2.30 pm. No construction experience needed! Volunteers must be 18 or older. Sign up to volunteer at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org).



**Seeking FPC Representative for Short-Term EduNations Trip.** Our mission partner, EduNations in Sierra Leone, is gathering individuals June 23–July 4 to celebrate the 2026 graduating classes. First Presbyterian is seeking a representative at these celebrations. Contact Scott for further information ([scott@fpcbr.org](mailto:scott@fpcbr.org))

**Young Life Capernaum Camp Needs Volunteers.** The Capernaum Summer Adventure is June 22 through 25 at Tickfaw State Park Group Camp. Capernaum is a Young Life ministry to youth with seen and unseen disabilities. Volunteers will partner with leaders to help set up activities, cook, and serve meals. This opportunity is ideal for those 17 years old and older. Come for one day or work the whole time; any help is appreciated. Contact Lindsay Stratman ([lindsay@fpcbr.org](mailto:lindsay@fpcbr.org)) for more information and to sign up.

**Tell the Story: Women's Testimony Luncheon.** Join Women's Ministry on Wednesday, June 24 for a time of testimony and fellowship as four of our beloved sisters-in-Christ, Jackie Cagley, Ryn Jones, Rachel Reese-Kollmeyer, and Candace Walker, share how the Lord has worked personally and powerfully in their lives. Come and be encouraged as you hear what God has done, and what he is still doing in our family of faith. Scan the code for details and registration.



**College Scholarships Available!** The FPC Women's Ministry College Scholarship Fund offers financial assistance to church members. Applications are online at [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) and are due by July 13, 2026.



**Vacation Bible School Camper and Volunteer Registration.** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back! Dates are Monday, June 8 through Thursday, June 11. Visit [fpcbr.org](http://fpcbr.org) or scan the code for details. While VBS camper slots are full, we are maintaining a waitlist. We are working to accommodate as many waitlisted campers as possible.



**Cell Phones.** Please remember to silence your cell phone while in worship.

**Find Your Place, Grow Your Faith.** Have you considered taking part in our outstanding Sunday school opportunities? We have five different adult Sunday school classes offered at different times focusing on various engaging topics. Visit the Connection Center for a complete listing.

**Deacons Are Here to Help.** The Diaconate has a passion to help the home bound and needy within our congregation. If you have a need, know of a need or would like to participate, please contact Laura Shaw (225.387.0617 or [laura@fpcbr.org](mailto:laura@fpcbr.org)).



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