

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

** This morning we will come forward to receive communion. Ushers will direct worshipers from the back pews: outer sections first, center section next and the balcony last.

Choral Communion Meditation

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Philip Stopford



BENEDICTION

*Response

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

Postlude



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 Facebook Live and the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

Calling All Volunteers! VBS 2021. We are taking the children on a wilderness adventure joining Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt! Lots of volunteers are needed to make this week a success such as tribe leaders, game leaders, craft leaders, snack leaders, actors, dancers and much more! Please contact Kendra Bremer (*kendra@fpcbr.org* or 713.829.0828) with questions. Volunteer registration can be found at *fpcbr.org*. Dates are July 26-29, 9 am-12 pm.

Women's Ministry Summer Luncheon, June 30. Why did an all-loving God create evil? What happens to those who never hear the gospel? What's the relationship between God's sovereignty and free will? If you have questions like this, join us for our Women's Ministry Summer Luncheon, where you can ask a panel of our pastors any questions you have about the Bible or what we believe. 11.30-1 in the FPC Reception Room. Lunch provided by Chicken Salad Chick. The cost is \$10 per person. Register at *fpcbr.org*.

Register for *A Great Escape* (rising 6th-8th graders). July 26-31. Register to attend at *fpcbr.org*. Registration ends July 19.

Register for *Vacation Bible School* (rising 1st-5th graders). July 26-29. Register to attend at *fpcbr.org*.

July and August Worship Schedule. First Presbyterian Church will have just one 10.30 worship service in the Sanctuary July 4 - August 1. There will be no Sunday school. We resume the normal three service schedule on August 8.

Swing Dance Lessons. Swing dance lessons have resumed on Mondays @ 6 pm. Call Sherry McKinley for details (225.772.0226).

Need a Pastor After Hours? Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

Give Online. Visit *fpcbr.org* or go to the church app to make your gift online. You may also give through the U.S. mail. Email *prayer@fpcbr.org* if you have online giving questions.

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, Hazel and Paul Peters and Jerry and Ned Hickel.

Scripture for Next Week: Proverbs 30: 18-19

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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ORDER of WORSHIP

June 20, AD 2021 11 am Father's Day



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Jim Solomon

Prelude

Borislava Iltcheva, violin Aaron Farrell, violin Grant Bedillion, viola Joy Bedillion, cello

*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 89

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations."

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.

Who is like you, O LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Praise be to the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

No. 58 "This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

*Blessing God

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Time and time again, Most Holy One, you call us to ascend the mountain of faithfulness and worship. Your call is great; the required sacrifice costly. Frozen with fear, we remain in the valley. We close our ears to the testimony of your Word. We refuse to believe the promise that you will provide. Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive us, Lamb of God. Give us the faith of Abraham that we might climb to that lofty place, offer what is dearest, and see that you have made the way. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, Faithful in love. My debt is paid, and the victory won. The Lord is my Salvation.

*Greeting and Announcements

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

Offertory

"The Day I Lay My Isaac Down" by Bonnie K. Keen, David Allen Clark, Lowell Alexander, and Tony W. Wood

I have a prayer as pure as gold that where you lead me I will go And I'll embrace the holy plea each time your spirit calls to me And in that hour and in that time when I must lose my will in thine My true devotion will be found the day I lay my Isaac down

Each sacrifice you call me to I'll die to self I'll live for you Take up the cross forsake the crown the day I lay my Isaac down

Your Lamb of Love, my blessed friend nailed to the altar for each sin There is a place your Son was bound, the day you laid your Isaac down

Each sacrifice you call me to I'll die to self I'll live for you Take up the cross forsake the crown the day I lay my Isaac down

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.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 462 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Genesis 22: 1-14

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

Barry Phillips "A Sacrifice Prevented. A Sacrifice Completed."



Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 376 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (vs. 1-3)

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