# THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 11, AD 2025 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting with Worship: Jamy Comeaux

# Prelude

"Butterfly" by Edvard Grieg Steve Gustafson, piano

# Mother's Day Video

# \*Welcome and Call to Worship

From Psalm 16

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." I have set the LORD always before me; Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; My flesh also dwells secure. **You make known to me the path of life.** 

In your presence there is fullness of joy; At your right hand are pleasures forevermore. **Therefore, I lift my voice and heart in praise to you.** 

\***Hymn of Praise** No. 560 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vv. 1–3 & 5)

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# \*Blessing God

### \*Scriptural Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, man of Nazareth, eternal Son of the Father, when you walked among us, you showed us the path of life. But we preferred to blaze our own path. You shined the light of love upon us. But we wrapped ourselves in the darkness of self. You lived the power of forgiveness. But we hold the sins of others against them. You gave us a role in your massive blessing project. But we chose the safety of our own walls. Forgive us for all the ways we reject and crucify you still. O risen Christ, raise us to new life yet again. Amen.

\*Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Response

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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

"He Comes to Us" by Jane M. Marshall

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came, to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us, he speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou me!" And set us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands and to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself, in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings Which they shall pass through in his fellowship, And, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn, in their own experience who he is.

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly. O Root of Jesse, David's Son, my Lord and Master, Thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, Rule and might o'er all possessing.

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 "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

DUKE STREET

# Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Acts 2:22-24, 29-33, 36-41

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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 "What Happened to You?"



# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

# **Time of Reflection**

#### \*Hymn of Response

"Rise, My Soul, the Lord Is Risen"

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

#### I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, And born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

### 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** "To God Be the Glory" arranged by John Innes



# 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.

**Vacation Bible School: Register as a Camper or Volunteer Today!** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is June 9–12. Visit *fpcbr.org* or scan the code for volunteer and camper details.



**Volunteer for the Returning Hearts Celebration, May 17.** Returning Hearts is a fun and Spirit-filled annual event where children and their Angola inmate fathers can begin to allow God's healing and reconciliation in their lives. Men are needed to volunteer. Visit *fpcbr.org.* 

**Memorial Weekend Worship.** We will have one combined service on May 25 at 10.30 am in celebration of Memorial Day. There will be no Sunday school.

**High School Lock-In, May 23.** Join us for an epic night at the church lock-in! Our annual lock-in is for current 8th–12th graders and will be on Friday, May 23 at 6pm. Contact Jessica (*jessica@fpcbr.org*) for details.

**A Hootin', Hollerin' & Prime Time Lunch, May 29.** Join the PrimeTime club on Thursday, May 29 from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm in the Reception Room. This western-themed event is \$20. Register online by Sunday, May 25 or at the Prime Time Table on Sunday mornings.

**Discover First Dinner, June 8.** Enjoy a meal while meeting pastors, staff, and others exploring membership. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and discover how you can get connected and grow in your faith journey. Contact Emily Viguerie for more information (*emily@fpcbr.org* or 225.333.9084).

**New Website Coming Soon!** We're thrilled to announce that a brand-new church website is on the way! More than just a facelift, the new site a step toward deeper connection, easier communication, and easier ways to help you go deeper in Christ and further into the world. Launch is expected in early summer.

**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* and are due by July 14, 2025.

**Mother's Day Out Is Hiring.** MDO is hiring a teacher for the two year old class for next year. Contact Whitney Weiner to inquire (*mdo@fpcbr.org* or 620.0245).

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 loving memory of three mothers, all very special to our family: our mother, Jackie Lee Airhart, her mother, Claudia Lee Tisdale, and Kristen's mother, Becky Richardson by the children of Jackie Lee Airhart.

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. Scripture for Next Week: Acts 3:1–16 CCLI license #207235



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