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TODAY'S THEME: STEWARDSHIP

September 25, 2022 | 11 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE | *Prelude on Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

INTROIT | *The Lord Reigns*

Dale Wood

The Lord reigns! He is robed in majesty! O let us come into his presence with song!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

• OPENING HYMN | *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
4. Sav - ior if of Zi - on's cit - y I, through grace, a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move;
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near;
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name;



on the Rock of Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'assuage?
thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
fad - ing is the world's best pleas - ure, all its boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which he gives them when they pray.
sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Miclette

• GLORIA PATRI

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.

• AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | *The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Susan Miclette

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

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.

CALL TO OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caitlin Rhodes-Karahadian

OFFERTORY | *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

John Rutter

Jeong-Suk Bae, piano

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT | *Ministry Update: Project Flourish*

Lyndsey Knight & Scott Key

• HYMN OF PREPARATION | *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call: to
2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if
3. We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure, whose
4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone, in

live ac - cord - ing to your Word, and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
world - ly pres - sures fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind
joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name
old rou - tines and ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on; all you en - deav - ored done.

ANTHEM | An Offering

Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld, but poured forth Your redeeming blood in love unparalleled; What would You have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss that I may taste the fellowship that brings me near the cross? Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride what You who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside? To know you is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice, a treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price. Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost, teach me that nothing offered You is ever truly lost. A hundred-fold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face, my sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

MESSAGE | Seek First the Kingdom (Matthew 6:19-34)

Jim Birchfield

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

• HYMN OF DEDICATION | All My Hope On God Is Founded

MICHAEL

1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my trust re - new, me through
 2. Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust; though with
 3. *God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom, pass - ing thought: splen - dor,*
 4. Dai - ly doth th'al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow; his de -
 5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -

change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 care and toil we build them, tow'r and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
light and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er -
 sire our soul de - light - eth, pleas - ure leads us where we go. Love doth
 bobe all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 pow'r, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

• BENEDICTION

Jim Birchfield

POSTLUDE | Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today in loving memory of Dr. William Jon Pokorny, his grandson Trey Christian Pokorny and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Pokorny, by Tom and Susan Egolf.

Caring Ministry Updates:

Sympathy to: Dr. Brian and Mallory Rissmiller for the loss of her father, **Michael Breese Malone**, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022. Condolences to Mr. Malone's grandchildren Lilly, Clara and Scarlett Rissmiller.

Colby and Kiki Hamilton for the loss of his mother, **Nancy Hamilton**, on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Condolences to Nancy's daughter, Marti Hamilton, and Colby and Kiki's daughter, Elle.

Musicians for service: Chancel Choir; Dan Wagner, conductor, Director of Worship; Jeong-Suk Bae, organ & piano

• congregation please stand as able



Here to Serve in Giving: 2022/23 Stewardship Campaign **Ending Soon | Due October 2**

Please continue to pray for our stewardship campaign and 2022–2023 giving. As a result of your faithful generosity, we have been a church *Here to Serve* for more than 180 years. We seek to continue this legacy through our newly expressed priorities: Discipleship, Worship, Community, and Outreach. Your completed pledge card lets us know we have your support for this vision and FPC's financial obligations for the current fiscal year (July 2022 through June 2023). Because the fiscal year has started, any current giving applies to your pledge.

To pledge and give today, deposit your completed pledge card with your offering or visit www.fpchouston.org/giving. Thank you for being *A Church Here to Serve*!



Evening of Prayer & Worship Featuring Robbie Seay **Today! | 5–7:30 PM | Grand Hall**

Join us this evening as our friend Robbie Seay joins Ryan Bell and the Contemporary Worship band in leading a special evening of prayer and worship. Afterward, enjoy a time of fellowship and grab a meal and something sweet from our dinner and dessert trucks, Foreign Policy and Frosted Betty. Childcare will be available.



Project Flourish Community Launch **Sun | Oct 2 | 9:15–10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall**

Project Flourish is an initiative to support gospel-minded start-ups for the good of the city. Join us to learn how Project Flourish has helped social entrepreneurship impact Houston, listen to participant success stories, and hear how you can be a part of these start-up stories.



Alpha (Evening) **Thur | Oct 6 | 7–8:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Are you curious about spirituality, or do you have a friend who is? Would you like a safe space to ask questions about faith? Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore their questions and other topics in a judgment-free environment. Everyone is welcome! To register or share with a friend, visit fpchouston.org/alpha.

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