

FOR SUCH A

Time as This



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JUNE 30, 2024 | 11 AM



FPC HOUSTON

GATHER TO WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at FPC. This morning's music will have a uniquely "Gospel" flavor. We trust that you'll find it uplifting and refreshing!

Prayer for preparation:

Lord, as I come to worship today, grant me the grace to hear what you have to say to me. Give me the willingness to respond and participate fully. And give me a willing heart to take what you have spoken today and allow it to shape my life according to your will.

PRELUDE | *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've seen/All Day, All Night*

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emmanuel Paulpeter

Please stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, let us call one another to worship.

Let everyone who loves the Lord make their joys known.

Lift up your songs in the sweet unity of the Spirit.

Just like the angels, may our praises surround the throne of God.

As our songs are lifted up, may every tear be dry.

For we know that we are marching toward Zion, the City of God. We are moving toward the day when God will make all things whole again, and we will live in the New Jerusalem.

Come one and all who love the Lord.

Let us worship God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN | *Marching to Zion*

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with
2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But chil - dren of the
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thousand sa - cred sweets Be - fore we reach the
4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Im -

sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac - cord, And thus sur -
heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their
heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields Or walk the
man - uel's ground, We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground To fair - er

Chorus
round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad. We're march - ing to Zi - on,
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high. We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Beautiful, beautiful Zi - on; We're marching upward to Zi - on, The beautiful city of God.
Zi - on, Zion,
(segue)

GATHERING SCRIPTURE | Isaiah 26, selected verses

Katie Hill, Director of Children & Family Ministry

You will keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on you, because they trust in you.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.

He humbles those who dwell in high places; he lays the lofty city low.

The path of the righteous is level, the path that you prepare for the righteous is straight.

Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;

your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you.

O Lord, you make us secure, for even all we have accomplished, you have done for us.

Lord our God, other masters besides you have ruled over us,

but we honor your name alone.

You will keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on you,

because we trust in you.

Please be seated

ANTHEM | *Stayed on Jesus*

arr. Jan Marvyn Youngblood

I woke up this morning; with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

I'm walkin', and talkin', with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

I'm singin' and shoutin' with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

I'll keep right on praisin' with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelujah.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Katie Hill

People of God, we now enter into a time of confession and assurance. Let us take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and to guide us in honest confession.

A time of silence is observed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Merciful God, we come before you humbly, acknowledging our shortcomings and sins. For the times when we have acted out of selfish ambition, seeking our own glory and recognition.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to remember that true honor comes from serving others with humility and love.

For the times when we have remained silent in the face of injustice, afraid to speak up for what is right.

Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to stand up for the oppressed and suffering in our midst.

For the times when we have allowed pride and arrogance to cloud our judgment, thinking ourselves better than others.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to see all people as made in your image.

For the times when we have failed to recognize your providence and guidance in our lives, attributing our successes solely to our own efforts.

Forgive us, Lord, and open our eyes to see your hand at work in all things, guiding us on the path of righteousness. Lord, we confess our sins and shortcomings before you. Grant us your mercy and grace, that we may walk in humility, justice, holiness, and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Bible assures us that if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Based on God's loving covenant with us as his people, we can declare to one another:

In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Please stand

SONG OF ASSURANCE | *My Tribute*

Andraé Crouch

To God be the glory; To God be the glory;
To God be the Glory for the things he has done.
With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me,
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Katie Hill

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

Katie Hill

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Please be seated

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY COHORT TESTIMONY

Scott and Melina Mackey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Emmanuel Paulpeter

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

PREPARATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | *Hallelujah, We Shall Rise*

arr. Davis E. Williams

In the resurrection morning, when the trump of God shall sound,
Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!
Then the saints will come rejoicing, and no tears will ever be found.
We shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise! Amen!

*In the resurrection morning, when death's prison bars are broken,
We shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!*

In the resurrection morning, blessed thought it is to me,
We shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!
I shall see my blessed Savior, who so freely died for me.
We shall rise, Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!

In the resurrection morning, we shall meet Him in the air,
Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!
And be carried up to glory, to our home so bright and fair.
Hallelujah! We shall rise, we shall rise!

Please stand
when directed

When We All Get To Heaven

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus, Sing His mer - cy and His grace;
2. While we walk the pil - grim path-way, Clouds will o - ver - spread the sky;
3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, Trust - ing, serv - ing ev - 'ry day;
4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon His beau - ty we'll be - hold;

In the man - sions bright and bless - ed, He'll pre - pare for us a
But when trav - 'ling days are o - ver, Not a shad - ow, not a
Just one glimpse of Him in glo - ry Will the toils of life re -
Soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen; We shall tread the streets of
place.
sigh. When we all get to heav - en, What a day of re-joic - ing that will
pay.
gold.

be! When we all see Je - sus, We'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated

MESSAGE | A Sleepless Night (Esther 6:1-14)

Curtis A. Bronzan

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN | *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

BENEDICTION

Curtis A. Bronzan

POSTLUDE | *Stand up for Jesus/Onward, Christian Soldiers*

arr. Paul Mickelson

FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the glory of God with thanksgiving for the ministries and staff members of First Presbyterian Church.

CARING MINISTRY UPDATES

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the following individuals:

Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson, Colleen Blackwell Nelson, and Florence McKelvey (Peter Bunch) for the loss of their mother, **Dorothy Blackwell**, on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

Mary (George) Rustay for the loss of her brother, **William Emory Glover**, on Friday, June 21, 2024.

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir, Dan Wagner (conductor & Director of Worship), and Alan Sexton (organ & accompanist).

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Curtis A. Bronzan, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jon Crantz, Pastor of Community Life
Rev. Emmanuel Paulpeter, Pastor of Outreach



LIFE AT FPC

FPC Singles Community Lunch

Today | 12:30 PM | Off-Campus

It's time for the next FPC Singles gathering. Join other single or single-again adults as we gather for lunch and fellowship. For location, visit fpchouston.org/events.

WoW: Summer Bible Study

Tues | July 9 | 10 AM–12 PM | LC 181 or Online

Join women of all stages of life for a morning of study and fellowship at FPC or online. This summer, we will read *What If Jesus Was Serious About Heaven?* by Skye Jethani. For more information, contact Sara Buskirk at sbuskirk@fpchouston.org.

FPC Moms: Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays | Now–July 30 | 9 AM | Living Room

FPC Moms equips women to become more like Jesus as they grow in their love for Him, their children, and the community. Join us weekly to hear and be encouraged by the truths of Scripture. Childcare available for ages two months through 5th grade. For more information, contact Catie Smith at csmith@fpchouston.org.

Mo-Ranch: Spots Available

Thur–Sun | July 11–14 | Hunt, TX

A few spaces are still available for our annual churchwide retreat to Mo-Ranch. To join in on the fun, fellowship, and meaningful reflection that our Mo-Ranch retreat is known for, visit fpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Save the Date

Worship Schedule Change

Sun | July 14 | 11 AM | Sanctuary

Due to our annual Mo-Ranch retreat, we will have only one worship service on Sunday, July 14.

To learn more about summer opportunities at FPC, visit fpchouston.org/summer.

Explore

Learn what it means to become a member of FPC. Register for the **Aug 17** Explore FPC class at fpchouston.org/explorefpc.

Give

Thank you for helping us finish our 2024 fiscal year strong! Your gifts to FPC allow us to be *Here for the Gospel* at 5300 Main Street and impact the many people, places, and ministries we support. To contribute today, text **GIVE** to **90859** or place your gift in an offering box. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Text **CONNECT** to **90859** for more info about our community and the latest on upcoming events.