

SERMON NOTES:

1. Laid Low (v. 29)

2. Raised Up and Set Apart (v. 30)

3. Real Freedom (v. 31)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, August 20		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Ministry Meeting	Student Center
	Kids Ministry Meeting	Children’s Wing
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing

Monday, August 21		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis

Tuesday, August 22		
9:30 AM	Homeschool Support Group	Coffee Lounge
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404

Wednesday, August 23		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, August 24		
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, August 25		
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor
5:00 PM	First Friends Dinner	Student Center

*The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a month.*  
*Prayers for Healing take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of a month.*  
*The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.*

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The Lord’s Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

9:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Far be it from me to boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.  
– *The Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:14*

May our Lord use this worship service  
to transform you into a person  
who boasts in the cross of Jesus Christ.  
We do this as we become more profoundly aware  
of our own sinfulness  
while remaining strong  
in the continued, fresh discovery  
of the pardoning grace of God  
revealed in the cross of Jesus.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in You with all our hearts.  
For You always resist the proud  
who confide in their own strength,  
and You never forsake  
those who make their boast in Your mercy;  
We draw near now to worship You  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-5 NASB 2020

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul will make its boast in the LORD;  
The humble will hear it and rejoice.  
Exalt the LORD with me,  
And let’s exalt His name together.

People: I sought the LORD and He answered me,  
And rescued me from all my fears.  
They looked to Him and were radiant,  
and their faces will never be ashamed.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†SONGS OF PRAISE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ 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 at 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.

\*living \*\*universal

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:29-31—“All We Have Is All We Need”  
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”  
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-2 NASB 2020

Therefore, having been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through Whom we also have obtained  
our introduction by faith  
into this grace in which we stand;  
and we celebrate in hope of the glory of God.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’ cross, relive His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:  
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,  
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,  
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,  
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

adapted from “Grace Be With You,” Benedictions from Dale Ralph Davis

Pastor: Now may the Savior  
Who died, Who rose, and Who reigns,  
grant you joy in the midst of sorrows,  
peace in the midst of troubles,  
hope in the midst of despair,  
and faithfulness in the midst of temptation.  
For His glory and your flourishing.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice.” (Phil. 4:4)  
The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Frances Smith  
in memory of Gordon Smith, Jr., and their wedding anniversary.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered  
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.



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