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# God's People Gather for Worship

September 13, 2020

11:00 AM

"By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-driven passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Preparing for Worship

Gathering Song

"Arise My Soul Arise"

Arise, my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands.  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above For me to intercede,  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

*(chorus)*

Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise  
Arise, (arise), arise, (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fear and rise.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, Received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers; They strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die."

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And, "Father, Abba Father," cry.

Welcome and Announcements

Pray for Me

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-6

Song

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day,  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be- Life that shall endless be.

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

### Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have sinned against you in many ways.  
We have elevated the things of this world above you.  
We have made idols of possessions and people  
and used your name for causes that are not consistent with your kingdom and  
purposes.  
We have permitted our schedules to take priority over our worship.  
We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.  
We have been unfaithful in our relationship to you and one another.  
Forgive us of these sins and many others.  
Holy Spirit renew us. Father, help us to find joy in your commands  
that we may walk more fully in your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Divine Pardon

## **Offering Our Fellowship**

### Passing of the Peace

## **Interceding for God's World**

### Prayer for God's People, Work and World and the Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 17:6-26

Sermon

"Jesus' Prayer for FPC"

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

## Responding to God's Worship and the Word

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to the Lord

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Song

"New Wine"

In the crushing  
In the pressing  
You are making New Wine

In the soil I  
Now surrender  
You are breaking New Ground

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand  
When I trust You I don't need to understand

*(chorus)*

Make me Your vessel  
Make me an offering  
Make me whatever  
You want me to be  
I came here with nothing  
But all You have given me  
Jesus bring New Wine  
Out of me

In the crushing  
In the pressing  
You are making New Wine  
In the soil I  
Now surrender  
You are breaking New Ground  
You are breaking New Ground

*(chorus)*

*(bridge 2 times)*

Where there is New Wine  
There is new power  
There is new freedom

The Kingdom is here  
I lay down my old flames  
To carry Your new fire  
Today  
*(chorus)*

Commissioning and Benediction



## Today's Scripture

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### John 17:6-26 NIV

<sup>6</sup>"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

<sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

<sup>20</sup>"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

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