
FOCUS

Prelude/Slideshow

Life is Beautiful
(Recording by Rend Collective, 2018)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He put the deeps in store-houses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For he spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.
- Psalm 33:4-9

EXALT

Choral Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth, v. 1 **Blue #473**
(Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838)

Call to Worship†

Leader: In the beginning God said, "Let there be light."

All: In the beginning was the Word.

And it was good

And the Word was God.

And the life was the light of all people.

Let us believe and follow, worshiping with Christ as children of God.

Song of Praise

Indescribable
(Words and Music: Jesse Reeves and Laura Story)

Prayer of Confession§

All: God of wonder and grace, we confess that we have broken away from your embrace and disrespected the world and creatures you lovingly gave us. We wrestle with following your commandments and are tempted to be filled with bitterness. We are more concerned for the things that benefit us than what benefits those around us.

Save us Lord from the sins we hide, from the sins we know in our hearts. Open our hearts to Jesus Christ, who redeems us and calls us to bring healing and hope to those that need it most. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(We will take a minute to silently lift our prayers of confession up to the Lord.)

Assurance of Pardon§

Leader: While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

ENCOUNTER

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:4
(Old Testament p. 1)

Children's Moment

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

John 1:1-5
(New Testament p. 86)

Sermon

Forming our World

RESPOND

Song of Praise

Build Your Kingdom Here
(Words and Music: Rend Collective Experiment)

Faith in Action

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering **Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)**
(Words and Music: Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm, 2012)

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Better Than Life
(Recording by Israel Houghton, Lakewood, 2008)

† Inspired by FPCE Middle School Sunday School

§ Written by High School Sunday School

* Please stand as you are able

** Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
Please return receivers at the end of the service.

Welcome We're glad you are here!

We ask everyone to complete and return this tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.

April 22, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone: Cell Home

Email address

Send me the weekly E-newsletter

Single
 Married
 Have children at home
 Junior/High School student
 College student

First time visitor
 Occasional attendee
 Regular attendee/member

I'm interested in:

Knowing Jesus better
 I need prayer or support
 Joining a Small Group
 Joining the Welcome Team
 Worship Music Team/Choir
 Sound/AV/Video Team
 Becoming a Member
 I need a Stephen Minister
 Counseling at The Counseling Center
 Communion at home suggested for _____ (name)

Please Pray for: (This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team.)

