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Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)

Robbie Seay Band

Call to Worship

Do not fear, for the LORD has spoken:
I have called you by name; you are mine.

Let us worship God.

Hymn # 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges.
We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promise of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

I Surrender All

Van DeVenter/Weeden

Moment with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 1-11

Sermon

"The Retro Man"

Dr. Peery

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offering Response # 726

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)
v. 5

KELVINGROVE

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Service of Ordination and Installation via Zoom at 11:45 a.m.

Statement of Ordination

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Charge & Benediction

Benediction Response # 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
vs. 1 & 2

I'M GONNA LIVE

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Welcome to worship on this Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Please indicate your presence by emailing Lisa Johnson at lisaj@fpcgreer.org.

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Today's bulletin cover is entitled "John, Locust & Wild Honey" by artist Rebekah Krevens and is used with permission.

Special thanks to the FPC Praise Team (Micah Arms, Mike Branham, Ameka Cruz, Lee Loftis, and Wendi Arms) for sharing their musical gifts in worship today.

Speaking Downs Barriers: Congregational Conversation about Systemic Racism, will be held on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 via Zoom. If you have not participated in earlier conversations yet would like to join this last one, please contact Lisa Johnson lisaj@fpcgreer.org in order to receive a link to the Zoom.

Please note that we now have the capability to accept your offering via text message. Please text GIVE to 18649993612. You may also give on our website or by mailing a check to the church office.

Today we ordain and install elders and deacons in the Class of 2023.

Being ordained as ruling elders are: Ken Dill and Bill Harrill

Previously ordained as ruling elders and being installed are: Cal Cannon, Brent Garrett, Stuart Mauney, and Harriett Williams

Being ordained as deacons are: Graham Cobb, Scott Cruz, Emily Mangum, Leanna McCord, Linda McDaniel, and Stacia Smith

Previously ordained as a deacon and being installed is: Suellen McConnell

We are thankful for the service of these faithful officers who are rotating off as elders and deacons:

Elders—Nichole Bryant, Val Hendrickson, Thad McCord, Nick Nicholson, Rudy Painter, and Brian Wright

Deacons—Louis Adams, Jim Caldwell, Amy Couch, George Ferris, Adriana Hoskins, Stephanie James, and Linda Nicholson