



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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WELCOME

We really mean it when we say we are thrilled that you have come to worship with us today!

If you should have any questions or comments about the ministry of Spriggs Road Presbyterian Church, please feel free to reach out. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

At this time Sunday School is not currently in session, and the nursery will not be available. Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and speaker that will be playing all the audio from the main sanctuary. Please feel free to use that if you are concerned that your children’s noises are disrupting the service. Since it is a small room, we ask you to be judicious and careful to maintain recommended distancing should others also seek to use it.

We hope that this Lord’s Day you will be encouraged by the Word, refreshed by the worship, and touched by Christ’s love through our fellowship with one another.

MEDITATION

⁶A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

— Isaiah 40:6-8 (ESV)

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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*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.

SERMON NOTES

Title: “God Is God, and We Are Not ”

Text: Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-3, 14; Colossians 1:15-17;
Romans 1:18-23

Theme: The fact that the Triune God is the Creator of all things is not a speculative matter of idle curiosity. The Creator of the Universe is the starting point for your thinking, your actions, and your affections.

I. Some Key Biblical Texts on Creation

A. God Is _____ of All Things –

B. The _____ Who Took on
_____ Is Creator – _____

C. Christ Holds _____ in Creation
– _____

D. _____ Has _____
the Truth That God Is the Creator –

II. What Is a Worldview?

III. The Creator-Creature Distinction Is Critical

IV. Applications

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AT
HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS**

1. Other than the passages mentioned in the sermon, what other Biblical texts teach that God is the Creator?
2. How do people suppress the truth that God is the Creator?
3. What is your experience of how most (or, many) people see the origins of the world?
4. How would you define the concept “worldview”?
5. How critical is creation in one’s view of the world? What difference does it make?
6. What are some alternatives to the Biblical view of creation?
7. What does the phrase “Creator-creature distinction” mean?
8. How is this distinction compromised?
9. In what areas of life and in what ways do you observe that the Biblical doctrine of creation is undermined?
10. How does your life demonstrate the truth that God is the Creator and you are not?

Next Week Read: Romans 4:16-17; Hebrews 11:1-3

Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed faith in (either before a congregation of the Lord's Church or to a body of Elders in a church where the Gospel of Christ is embraced) and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior from your sins, and are members of the visible Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have not publicly professed faith in Christ Jesus – the eternal Son of God who took on human flesh, lived a perfect, sinless life, died on the cross for sins, rose bodily from the dead, and who is returning to this earth in power and glory – please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

We invite you to respond to the Gospel by first understanding that you have sinned personally against the God who made you and have violated His good and right laws for you to follow. God is holy and has every right to separate you from Himself and from all that is good and beautiful because of your freely chosen disobedience to Him. But the really good news is that you can be restored to the God who made you because of what Christ Jesus has done on the cross as a perfect substitute and payment for the penalty that you owe and deserve. Simply believing and trusting in what Jesus did for you means you will belong to the LORD God forever.

Abraham, the Biblical example of one who was restored to God by faith alone, trusted God's promise and the LORD God credited it, that trust, to him as righteousness. God has shown His love to the world, and to you, by giving His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die and be separated from Him forever but rather have the life man was created to have in the presence of God, a life that never ends.

This means that you cannot DO anything to earn your place with God. However, a true faith in Christ Jesus comes from a God-given desire that will produce behavior that does those things that are pleasing to Him.

Please seek out and contact one of our Pastors or Elders to talk more about your eternal future. You can find their contact information in this bulletin. They will be glad to show you from Scripture, God's Word, how you can have a relationship with God through Christ Jesus and have true peace and security with Him.

If you have professed faith in Christ Jesus, have been baptized, and are a member of the Church, yet there is a distance between you and the LORD because of cherished and unrepentant sin and transgressions of God's laws, we warn you to refrain from partaking the elements of the Lord's Table today. Scripture tells us that partaking of the Lord's Table is a participation, a communion, in the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:16). God's people cannot partake of His holy Table while at the same time engaging in deliberate and conscious violations of His commands for us as His holy people. If this is true with you, the LORD graciously promises that, if you confess and turn from whatever thinking or behavior that is contrary to His nature and His Word, He is faithful to forgive and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Until you have confessed and turned from whatever this breach of faith might be, please refrain from partaking of the Lord's Table.

This does not mean that as a professing follower of Christ you are required to be perfect and flawless before communing with Christ at His Table. The Table is for you to be nourished and strengthened even more in your faith and love for Christ. You may have worries and doubts that God loves or hears you because your faith is weak. You may have sinned, confessed, and turned from it to the Lord before partaking, but still your heart condemns you. When you come to the Lord's Table, the Lord by faith assures you that you belong to Him, and He belongs to you. If, despite your sins and imperfections, you can truly say that the LORD is your Shepherd, that the name of Christ and His smile is the desire of your soul, then take the LORD at His word that you are ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven!

Come, and dine with your Lord and Savior.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty God, we have sinned against You
and against our fellow men
in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds.
We have sinned in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned through ignorance,
through weakness,
and through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve You
in newness of life
to the glory of Your Name.
Amen.*

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:8-10 (ESV)

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

**THIS WEEK'S
SCHEDULED EVENTS**

| Day | Time | Event | Contact |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Sunday, September 13 | 9:00 a.m. | First Worship Service | |
| Sunday, September 13 | 10:45 a.m. | Live Stream Worship (Second Service)* | |
| Sunday, September 13 | 6:00 p.m. | FAIPCA: Live Stream Sermon* | Jegar Chinnavan |
| Tuesday, September 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Tuesday Devotion- al/Prayer Meeting* | Matt Bowles |

* Designates events that are meeting by video conference or being live streamed.

If you have announcements to publish in the bulletin or events to add to the calendar please send submissions to bulletin@spriggsroad.org.

LOGO CONTEST

We are still looking for submissions for a proposed logo for the church. We are inviting anyone from our church family to submit designs for a new church logo. This might be a great rainy day activity or a way to pass the time during this time of social distancing. Whether you consider yourself to be a skilled artist or if you just like to dabble in graphic design we'd love to see what you can come up with.

Please read full details about the logo contest on the church website.

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTICO

PLEASE NOTE... Construction of the church entry portico began on Monday, August 31. For the next few weeks, we will have to use the entry at the rear of the church while construction is taking place. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

As a reminder, we are still collecting funds to help pay for the project. If you would like to contribute, please designate any gifts as “Church Portico Project” or something like that.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Session members.

A concept drawing of the planned portico is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

VISITATION

Realizing that some may be hesitant to participate in corporate worship at this time due to health concerns, the session would like to remind everyone that anyone may request a visitation. If anyone would like a pastor and elders to visit you, please contact one of the pastors or elders. In addition to general visits, we can deliver a brief message from the Bible and administer the Lord’s Supper for you and your family. We will follow any health and protective measures or procedures that you may require of us during our visit.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Income vs. Budget | 9/06/2020 | YTD |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Income | \$8,473.36 | \$351,632.60 |
| Budget Requirement | \$9,500.00 | \$342,000.00 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$1,026.64) | \$9,632.60 |
| Attendance | 128 | |

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And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42
