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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



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP MARCH 14, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

["Rejoice, the Lord Is King"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #310

†**Scripture Reading**

[Isaiah 49:22-26](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 31 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.23)
Tune: ["The Church's One Foundation" \(TH #347\)](#)

Confession of Faith

[The Nicene Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Colossians 1:15-23](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["The Church's Relationship to the State:
The Crown Rights of Christ Jesus" \(Part 2\)](#)

†**Hymn of Response**

"O Great God"
Bob Kauflin

***The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper

There will not be a passing of the offering plate as part of our worship service during this time of social distancing. However, there is a tithe box on the small table near the main sanctuary doors where you may deposit offerings. In addition, there are remote payment options detailed on the "Donate" tab of the church website.

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.

Please note that if you are attending the 9 a.m service, masks must be worn at all times except when the participants are taking the elements of the Lord's Supper.

At this time Sunday School is not in session.

Children are always welcome in our worship services. We also have a “cry room” available with a large window for viewing the service and a 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

“Death has become like a tyrant who has been completely conquered by the legitimate monarch; bound hand and foot the passers-by sneer at him, hitting him and abusing him, no longer afraid of his cruelty and rage, because of the king who has conquered him. So has death been conquered and branded for what it is by the Savior on the cross. It is bound hand and foot, all who are in Christ trample it as they pass and as witnesses to Him deride it, scoffing and saying, ‘O Death, where is your victory? O Grave, where is your sting?’ ”

— Athanasius

PORTICO UPDATE

Thankfully, work has begun on the portico now that we have final approval of the building plans. In the past week, the contractor worked on the holes for the posts and scheduled several different inspections. On Thursday, the contractor poured concrete footers for the posts. Hopefully, in the near future the posts will start going up. Once the footers pass inspection, the contractor will move to framing the portico. Thanks to all for your prayers and support.

CHURCH CAMPOUT

The SRPC Family Campout will be held May 20-22nd at the Deane property. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for any and/or all activities. More information to follow. If you have any questions, please see Joe Deane or Dave Dise.

RIDGE HAVEN SERVICE PROJECT

The annual SRPC youth service project at Ridge Haven for rising 6th - 12th graders is scheduled for July 26-31, 2021. Please see Pastor Matt for details.

This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to enjoy a summer camp experience with all the fun activities and inspiring worship times of our regular camps while also working as a team on a service project for 3-4 hours each day. This is the perfect way for youth to not only experience the adventure of a camp, but also put their faith into action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It can be also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

AV TEAM:

The audio-visual team is in need of more adult volunteers to operate the AV equipment during worship services. Our current team does not have enough volunteers to alternate weeks, so they do not get a break. Please consider helping with this. The system is easy to learn and does not require any prior experience with audio-visual systems. Contact Darcy Heisey or Jason Chinaka if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions about what is involved.

NURSERY:

To serve our young families, the nursery is now open during the second service. A few more adult volunteers are needed, with the goal of serving no more than once every 6-8 weeks. Volunteers are required to wear masks. There are 1-6 children using the nursery, depending on the week, and they are super sweet! Please consider this opportunity and contact robin.deane21@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

BULLETIN:

We could still use a few more people to help with producing the bulletin. If you would be interested in helping or have questions, please contact Laura McNeill.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	3/7/2021	YTD
General Income	\$11,161.10	\$115,798.18
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$96,300.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,531.10	\$19,498.18
Attendance	142	

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

SERMON NOTES

3/14/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Church's Relationship to the State: The Crown Rights of Christ Jesus"

Text: Colossians 1:15-23

Theme: Christ as the Lord and Head of His Church has given to His visible people the ministry of the Gospel, the Word of God, the Sacraments, and a government to carry out that mission. Together, the officers and the people must guard against interference and intrusions that would presume to dethrone Christ of His right as the sole administrator of His spiritual Kingdom.

I. Comments on Colossians 1:15-23

II. Christ Is the Head and Ruler of His Church

III. Christ Rules Through the _____ He Has _____ in His Church

WCF 23.3: "And, as Jesus Christ has appointed a regular _____ and discipline in his Church, no law of any commonwealth should _____ with, _____ [obstruct; prevent; impede], or _____, the due exercise thereof, among the voluntary members of any denomination of Christians, according to their own profession and belief."

IV. Examples of How the Crown Rights of Christ Are Being Usurped

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal Father, we acknowledge that we are poor sinners, conceived in guilt, prone to do evil, and unable of our own power to do good.

We constantly violate Your holy commandments intentionally and unintentionally. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

We abhor our iniquities and our evil ways. We plead Your grace and mercy to relieve our distress.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruit of righteousness that is pleasing in Your sight.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Already you are clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. ... As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

— John 15:3-4, 9 (ESV)

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.

V. Applications – What Do We Do?

A. What We Do Not Do

1. Despair
2. Join in mob rule
3. Develop a rebellious heart
4. Give in to usurpation

B. What We Do

1. Know what the _____ of Christ means
2. Fearlessly _____ the independence of the Church
3. Get _____ if called to _____
4. _____ your spiritual _____
5. _____ the Church

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

1. Who uniquely and perfectly images the invisible God (v. 15a)?
2. What does “firstborn of all creation” mean (v. 15b)?
3. In this text, who is the Creator of heaven and earth (v. 16)?
4. For whom is the world created (v. 16c)?
5. What is the relationship that Christ has to the Church (v. 18a)?
6. How broad is the headship of Christ Jesus (v. 18b)?
7. What is unique about Christ Jesus in this headship (v. 19)?
8. What is the goal of the headship of Christ (v. 20a)?
9. How is this goal ultimately accomplished (v. 20b)?
10. What was your spiritual condition before believing in Christ Jesus (v. 21)?
11. How important is the headship of Christ Jesus? What does this mean as it relates to the government of the Church?
12. What classic Confession has enshrined the sole headship of Christ as an article of faith?
13. What ecclesiastical system presents a challenge to the headship of Christ in the Church? How did the Reformers view this system compared to the headship of Christ?
14. What other realm has challenged the sole headship of Christ in the Church?
15. What is meant by “the crown rights of Christ Jesus”?
16. Since Christ is not physically present with the Church, how does He govern His people?
17. What is the jurisdiction of the Church?
18. What are some examples where the crown rights of Christ Jesus as being usurped today?
19. What are some ways that Christians should NOT respond when the crown rights of Christ Jesus are being usurped?
20. What are some ways that Christians should respond when the crown rights of Christ Jesus are being undermined?

THE LORD’S SUPPER

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