

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.Acts 2:42

RESURRECTION LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

APRIL 4, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

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Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise

†Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

+Singing Psalms

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"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Trinity Hymnal #277

Isaiah 26:12-19

Psalm 44 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.35) Tune: <u>"How Firm a Foundation" (*TH* #94)</u>

The Nicene Creed

<u>1 Corinthians 15:20-23;</u> <u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u>

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

"The Unique Hope of the Resurrection Does Not Disappoint"

†Hymn of Response

*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 services 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.

<u>Not Disappoint"</u>

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" <u>Trinity Hymnal #290</u> 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 <u>9 a.m service</u>, <u>masks</u> <u>must be worn at all times except when the participants are taking</u> <u>the elements of the Lord's Supper</u>.

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

If the death of Christ on the cross is the true meaning of the Incarnation, then there is no gospel without the cross. Christmas by itself is no gospel. The life of Christ is no gospel. Even the resurrection, important as it is in the total scheme of things, is no gospel by itself. For the good news is not just that God became man, nor that God has spoken to reveal a proper way of life for us, or even that death, the great enemy, is conquered. Rather, the good news is that sin has been dealt with (of which the resurrection is a proof); that Jesus has suffered its penalty for us as our representative, so that we might never have to suffer it; and that therefore all who believe in Him can look forward to heaven.

James Montgomery Boice

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

4/4/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Unique Hope of the Resurrection Does Not Disappoint"

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20-23; 1 Peter 1:3-9

Theme: The unique hope of Christ Jesus' resurrection is yours when you confess that you have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and receive the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Because Jesus is the firstfruits of the resurrection, His resurrection gives you a living hope.

I. The ______ of the Uniqueness of the Resurrection – 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

II. The ______ of the Uniqueness of the Resurrection

III. The	for Hope
IV. The	of Hope
V. The	of Hope – 1 Peter 1:3-9

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AT HOME OR IN SMALL GROUPS

- 1. What is the crucial word that points to the uniqueness of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20)?
- 2. Who introduced death into the world which makes resurrection necessary (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)?
- 3. Who introduced resurrection into the world (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)?
- 4. Who were some people in Scripture who came back to life after dying?
- 5. Were these risings from the dead resurrections? Why or why not?
- 6. Today, should we expect people to come back to life by supernatural means after dying?
- 7. Why is resurrection so central to the Christian faith?
- 8. Do you think that hope, as a critical aspect in peoples' lives, has been strengthened or diminished over the past several months? Why?
- 9. What gives you hope for living? How critical is hope in your life? What would cause you to lose hope?
- 10. For the follower of Christ, how is hope a matter of grace?

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 Godgiven 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.

Almighty God, You Who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You confessing our sins. We implore You for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. We acknowledge before You all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And from Your abundant goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

— Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online <u>Calendar</u>. It can be also be viewed on the home page of <u>www.spriggsroad.org</u>.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Deacons are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and general items for those in need in our community. Items can be placed in the blue bin in the hallway. Please contact Dan Bredbenner with any questions. The items most needed according to the ACTS website (Jan 2021) are:

Canned and Dried Food Breakfast items cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc. Peanut butter and jelly Canned or dry beans Honey Canned vegetables Canned fruit Canned meats (tuna, chicken) Whole-grain pasta Canned tomato sauce Brown Rice Milk Cooking oil Canned soup Coffee <u>General Items</u> Pull-ups and diapers size 5/6 Soap Toothpaste Deodorant Wipes Shampoo Toilet Paper Laundry Soap Dish Soap Feminine Hygiene Products

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	3/28/2021	YTD
General Income	\$2,734.00	\$140,694.18
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$125,190.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$6,896.00)	\$15,504.18
Attendance	127	

PORTICO CONSTRUCTION

Progress is being made on the portico. As a result, we will have to use the rear entrance for the next few weeks. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Help is needed in the following areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time in these important areas.

- AV team (contact Darcy Heisey)
- Bulletin (contact Laura McNeill)
- Nursery (contact Robin Deane)

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