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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 APRIL 18, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

["I Will Sing of My Redeemer"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #650

†**Scripture Reading**

[Isaiah 56:1-8](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 41 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.33)
Tune: ["Amazing Grace" \(TH #460\)](#)

Confession of Faith

[The Nicene Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Matthew 19:13-22](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["Jesus Changes the Way We Think About Status and Power"](#)

†**Hymn of Response**

["Let Us Praise God Together"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #659

***[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.

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

And how joyful and gladsome must the thoughts of Jesus Christ be to him (the Christian), to think with how great a love Christ has loved him, even to lay down His life and suffer the most bitter torments for his sake, Who also now continually intercedes for him at the throne of grace; to consider that so great a person as the eternal Son of God, who also made the worlds, is his lord and master, and is not ashamed to call us brethren, Who will come in and sup with him, and He with him, and to see His arms expanded to embrace him and offering Himself to be embraced by him.

--Jonathan Edwards, "Christian Happiness"

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)

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.

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

General Items

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	4/11/2021	YTD
General Income	\$10,577.00	\$161,482.36
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$144,450.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$947.00	\$17,032.36
Attendance	133	

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 worshipped 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

4/18/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Jesus Changes the Way We Think About Status and Power"

Text: Matthew 19:13-22

Theme: In the world of mankind, power and influence determine the worth and standing of a person. But in the Kingdom of Christ, power, wealth, and influence are not the standard for receiving God's benefits. It is only a matter of the grace of God.

I. _____ Are Brought to Jesus
(19:13-15)

II. A Rich Man _____ From Jesus
(19:16-22)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord of mercy and grace, we confess that our love for You waxes cold and our hearts grow indifferent to Your holy Word. We are quick to blame others and to excuse our own faults and shortcomings.

We frequently doubt Your love for us, and our trust in Your promises becomes overshadowed by our fears.

We confess and repent of our sins, O LORD. Hear us as we approach Your Table and anticipate the grace that comes to us by faith therein. Cause our faith to grow stronger as we again survey the wondrous cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Produce in us the fruits of righteousness and holiness to the glory of Your Name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Whose righteousness is our glorious clothing. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.
Put me in remembrance; let us argue together;
set forth your case, that you may be proved right."*

— Isaiah 43:25-26 (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.

III. Applications

A. Entrance into Christ's Kingdom is not based on power, prestige, accomplishment, wealth, or high _____.
_____. Christ brings into His Kingdom the _____ and the _____.

B. Those who see themselves as _____ and _____ to do what is _____ by God are not brought into the Kingdom of God, because they end up _____.

C. The Kingdom of God belongs to those who know how _____, _____, and _____ they truly are.

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

1. What did some people (likely parents) want Jesus to do (v. 13a)?
2. How did the disciples react to this (v. 13b)?
3. What was Jesus' attitude regarding these requests (v. 14a)?
4. What lesson did Jesus teach from this incident (v. 14b)?
5. Who came to Jesus after this?
6. What did this person want to know (v. 16)?
7. What was Jesus' answer (vv. 17b-19)?
8. What was the man's response to Jesus' reply (v. 20)?
9. What did Jesus then tell the man to do (v. 21)?
10. How did the man react to what Jesus told him? Why (v. 22)?
11. If you are a parent of infants or young children, how do you view Jesus' concern for your children?
12. Do you believe that parents in the New Covenant have the same promise that God gave to Abraham in Genesis 17 that He will be not only your God but your children's God? Why or why not? If so, how do you claim this promise?
13. Why do you think Jesus told the rich young man to keep the commandments in order to inherit eternal life? Does this mean salvation by works is possible?
14. Why do you think the rich young man thought he had kept God's requirements? Why do you suppose he then thought he still lacked eternal life?
15. How does the incident with the children who were brought to Jesus and the attitude of the disciples contrast with the episode with the rich young man?
16. How do many in the Church view those who are socially insignificant compared with those who have social status (see James 2:1-7)?
17. What are ways Christians often show partiality toward others?
18. Is it sinful to be rich? Why or why not?
19. Does Jesus expect everyone who follows Him to sell everything they have and give it to the poor? Why or why not?
20. Are we to keep God's commandments? If so, which ones?
21. How do we know that our efforts to keep God's requirements are not able to obtain eternal life? How do we obtain eternal life?

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