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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 25, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

[“Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”](#)
Trinity Hymnal #587

†**Scripture Reading**

[Deuteronomy 7:6-11](#)

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalm 97 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.82)
Tune: [“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” \(TH #30\)](#)

Confession of Faith

[The Apostles’ Creed](#)

†**Scripture Teaching**

[Matthew 19:23-20:16](#)

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

[“Jesus Changes the Way We Think About Our Rank and Reward for Service”](#)

†**Hymn of Response**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

***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

True repentance starts with the recognition of the holiness of our God. We cannot rightly perceive the greatness of his goodness without apprehending the puniness of our own. Such a realization causes us to fall down in humility before God.

--Bryan Chapell, *Holiness by Grace*

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. 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 Production** (contact Laura McNeill); **Nursery** (contact Robin Deane); **Bulletin Printing and Folding** (contact Steve Powell)

CHURCH CLEANING

After several years of faithful service cleaning the church, Maria Ettema has asked that we find someone else to take this responsibility, which is a paid position. If you are interested or if you know of anyone who might be interested in serving in this way, please contact Lloyd Moore or the deacons.

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	4/18/2021	YTD
General Income	\$9,584.05	\$171,066.41
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$154,080.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45.95)	\$16,986.41
Attendance	122	

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

4/25/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Jesus Changes the Way We Think About Our Rank and Reward for Service"

Text: Matthew 19:23-20:16

Theme: The Scriptures speak of recompense and rewards, but the rewards given will be so much more abundant than anything a follower of Christ could ever hope to earn. Every Christian has an incentive to serve, not to earn something great, but to manifest the grace that God bestows as we labor for Him.

I. The Difficulty That _____ Pose
for _____ the Kingdom of God (19:23-26)

II. The Disciples Want to Know What
Their _____ Has _____
(19:27-30)

III. Jesus _____ Against
Seeking _____ in the Kingdom (20:1-16)

CONFESSION OF SIN

*O God of unsearchable greatness, before You [we are] nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing.
Sin has forfeited Your favor, [marred in us] Your image, banished [us] from Your presence, exposed [us] to the curse of Your law. [We] cannot deliver [ourselves], and [are] in despair.
But a resource is found in You, for You did devise an everlasting plan in Christ. May His shed blood make [us]:
more thankful for Your mercies,
more humble under Your correction,
more zealous in Your service,
more watchful against temptation,
more contented in [our] circumstances,
and more useful to others.
Amen.*

Excerpt from *The Valley of Vision*, ed. by Arthur Bennett; Banner of Truth.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,
"The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

— Lamentations 3:22-26 (NIV, 1984)

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.

IV. Applications

A. Salvation is a _____
_____.

B. God is _____ from start to finish with everyone He brings into His Kingdom. Everyone in Christ is given _____ and all that goes with it as a gracious gift.

C. God rules by _____, not by _____.
Even the rewards we receive are not _____
to our efforts because even our best works are tainted by _____.

D. _____ ourselves to others as to our _____ in God's Kingdom is a highly _____ spiritual endeavor.

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

1. What is Jesus' assessment of a rich person entering God's Kingdom (19:23-24)?
2. How did the disciples react when Jesus said this (19:25)?
3. According to Jesus, what is the possibility for a person to be saved based upon what a person does or earns (19:26a)?
4. How is salvation possible (19:26b)?
5. What did Peter want to know from Jesus (19:27)?
6. What did Jesus say the twelve disciples would receive for following Him? When would they receive this (19:28)?
7. What do people who have forsaken everything to follow Jesus receive (19:29)?
8. What principle did Jesus announce indicating that the things those who follow Him will receive are not actually based upon what they do for Him (19:30)?
9. What story did Jesus use to illustrate this principle (20:1)?
10. What did the vineyard owner agree to pay those who were hired at the beginning of the workday (20:2)?
11. Why were those who were hired at the beginning of the day upset with the vineyard owner (20:10-12)?
12. What was the vineyard owner's response to the complaint of the workers hired first (20:13-15)?
13. Is your sense of fairness offended by the response of the owner of the vineyard to the workers who were hired first? Why or why not?
14. If the LORD God rewards His people for what they do for Him, how can we ever say that God is gracious? Doesn't He give to people what they deserve and earn? What does everyone truly deserve?
15. In this passage (19:23-20:16), what is salvation?
16. If salvation is unachievable by human effort, should a person even care about ever being saved?
17. Should we strive and work hard to be rewarded in the Kingdom of God? What should be our motivation?
18. Will everyone in heaven be equally the same in all respects? Explain.
19. How are the rewards that God bestows upon His people gifts of grace?
20. How should we judge and evaluate what is "fair"?
21. What is the problem when we compare what we do for the Lord with something another person does for the Lord?
22. Should you value and appraise your worth to the Lord based on what you do for Him? If you say "no," doesn't this lead to license and sloth in His Kingdom? If you say "yes," doesn't this lead to legalism?

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