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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 MAY 9, 2021

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Announcements

### Meditation

### Call to Worship/Invocation

### †Hymn of Praise

["Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"](#)  
*Trinity Hymnal #237*

### †Scripture Reading

[Zechariah 9:9-17](#)

### Pastoral Prayer

### †Singing Psalms

Psalm 122 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.110)  
Tune: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (*THH #598*)

### Confession of Faith

[The Apostles' Creed](#)

### †Scripture Teaching

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

### Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

["Jesus Openly Affirmed His Authority"](#)

### †Hymn of Response

["Thou Dost Reign on High"](#)  
*Trinity Hymnal #241*

### \*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.

## NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING JUNE 6, 2021

The Session is making plans to return to our original worship schedule starting on the first Sunday in June (June 6). Worship will begin at 10:45 a.m.

For those who wish or need to maintain distance and caution, there will be a dedicated section behind the piano where worshippers can remain distanced from one another and where face coverings will be worn. Entering and exiting will be through the back entrance of the sanctuary.

The Session would like to do more canvassing and planning before holding the Fellowship Dinners after the first Sunday worship service. Therefore, we will NOT be having a Fellowship Dinner after worship on June 6. We anticipate enjoying these times of fellowship soon, hopefully before the end of summer. More information on this will be forthcoming.

As for the Sunday School schedule, our intention is also to begin offering the normal schedule on June 6, but this will ultimately depend upon staffing of the various grade levels and determining certain procedures to be observed.

We appeal to the members of the congregation to consider helping out as teachers, assistants, or backups in one of the following areas for the coming year, especially if you have not done so before: Nursery, Pre-K to 2nd grade, Upper Elementary Grades 3-5, Middle Grades 6-8, and High School.

Our hope is to begin offering Sunday School as soon as these necessary matters are settled and in place. If enough help out in these important ministries the load can be shared more broadly.

A committee of Elders has been tasked by the Session to coordinate the necessary staffing needs and the logistics of conducting the classes and to bring recommendations to the Session at the next stated meeting of the Session on May 10. We welcome input and feedback, so if you wish to offer an opinion or a concern, please let the members of this committee know as soon as possible. The members of this committee are: Pastor Matt, RE Joe Deane, and RE Dan Bredbenner.

Further announcements about more of the specifics involved in the Sunday School ministry will be forthcoming.

We ask the body to be patient and understanding with one another during this transition. We are trying to anticipate as many scenarios, perspectives, and angles as we can, but likely there may be something overlooked.

Please keep this next phase of congregational life in your prayers as we work toward regaining and restoring the fuller mission of the Church to gather and perfect the saints of God.

## MEDITATION

“...<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.  
—Isaiah 65:21-25 (ESV)

## 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 Joe Deane)

## 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](http://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	5/2/2021	YTD
General Income	\$6,422.00	\$186,384.41
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$173,340.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,208.00)	\$13,044.41
Attendance	128	

## 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**

5/9/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Jesus Openly Affirmed His Authority"

Text: Matthew 21:1-11

Theme: Jesus openly displayed and affirmed His authority. There can no longer be any doubt about Who He is. If there is anything less than the full authority of Christ that you affirm in your life, you side with the Jerusalem crowd that was disturbed when Jesus entered. The time for being unclear

I. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ for Entering Jerusalem (1-5)

II. The Pilgrim Crowd \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as He Enters the City (6-9)

III. The City of Jerusalem Was \_\_\_\_\_ How Jesus Enters the City (10-11)

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.*

*We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.*

*We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.*

*O Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*And grant, most merciful Father for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.*

**Personal Confession**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:1-2, 38-39 (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.

#### IV. Applications

A. The triumphal entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem is the \_\_\_\_\_ for you to \_\_\_\_\_ Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

B. The triumphal entry means that you do not \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to be Lord. He \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. His lordship over your life will be realized completely, either in your \_\_\_\_\_ or your \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The triumphal entry of Christ Jesus tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ has come to the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1. To what city had Jesus almost arrived (v. 1a)?
2. In what little town did Jesus make a brief stop? Where was this town situated (v. 1b)? What does the name of this town mean?
3. What did Jesus want to two of His disciples to do for Him (vv. 2-3)?
4. What was the prearranged password in case someone objected to the request being made by Jesus (v. 3)?
5. What was the significance of Jesus' plan (vv. 4-5)?
6. How many animals were brought to Jesus (v. 7)? Why?
7. What did the crowd do when Jesus began riding the animal (v. 8)?
8. What was the cry of the crowds as Jesus began riding to the city (v. 9)?
9. What was the reaction of the people in Jerusalem to the manner in which Jesus was entering their city (v. 10)?
10. What was the answer of the crowds who traveled with Jesus to those who wondered Who He was (v. 11)?
11. What does the term "Messiah" mean?
12. Why do you suppose for the months and years prior to this that Jesus downplayed that He was the Messiah? How had Jesus kept His identity concealed? Had anyone heard and recognized that Jesus was the Messiah prior to His entrance into Jerusalem?
13. How does Christ make an entrance into your life?
14. Why is it important to say that no one "makes" Jesus to be Lord? What controversy involved a view that said Jesus can be a person's Savior, but not necessarily his "Lord?"
15. How can it be claimed that peace has come to the world when there is still so much strife and conflict?

**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