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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 16, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†**Hymn of Praise**

"How Great Thou Art"
Trinity Hymnal #44

†**Scripture Reading**

Malachi 2:17-3:5

Pastoral Prayer

†**Singing Psalms**

Psalms 101, 30 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.84, 22)
Tune: **"The Church's One Foundation"** (TH #347)

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

†**Scripture Teaching**

Matthew 21:12-17

Expounding the Word of God

Rev. Michael Mang

**"The Time Some Businessmen
Got Thrown Out of Their 'Store'"**

†**Hymn of Response**

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"
Trinity Hymnal #172

***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 tithing 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 wear face coverings will be worn. Entering and exiting will be through the back entrance of the sanctuary.

Previously, we announced that we would not be having a Fellowship Dinner after worship on Sunday, June 6. **THIS HAS CHANGED. THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ON JUNE 6.** Tentatively, the plan is to have a section of tables available for those who wish to bring their own lunch and remain adequately distanced from others. There will also be the typical potluck dinner featuring amazing home-cooked cuisine, hopefully with plenty of Biblically-sanctioned meatballs!

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:

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| Toddler/Pre K | Middle Grades 6-8 |
| K to 2nd grade | High School |
| Upper Elementary Grades 3-5 | |

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

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

--Micah 6:6-8 (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.

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	5/9/2021	YTD
General Income	\$15,329.85	\$201,714.26
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$182,970.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,699.85	\$18,744.26
Attendance	140	

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

5/16/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Time Some Businessmen Got Thrown Out of Their 'Store' "

Text: Matthew 21:12-17

Theme: When Jesus purified the temple, He made a direct claim to authority over the holy place. If Christ has authority over the holy place of God, He certainly has authority over your life and mine.

I. Jesus' _____ Moneychangers from
the Temple Courtyard (12-13)

II. The Religious Authorities Are _____
That _____ Praise Jesus (14-17)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Triune God, You search every heart and weigh every motive. Nothing that we say or do escapes Your penetrating gaze. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities. We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us. We have cast aside Your instruction. We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts, and our ways above Your ways. We continually go astray and wander from the paths that are good and right.

Forgive us, O our God, for You are rich in mercy and tender toward all who call upon You with a contrite heart. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us.

Draw us closer to You so that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more completely, and serve You more fervently.

Through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, we make our prayer. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

— Revelation 1:5b-6 (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. Jesus openly asserts His _____ and declares that He is God's _____ as He receives praise as _____.

B. We should not _____ that little children are able to _____ the Lord Jesus and can _____ and love Him even though they might be _____ mom and dad.

C. Jesus was _____ for the _____ of God, and you cannot be anything _____.

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

1. The next day after entering Jerusalem, where did Jesus go (v. 12a)?
2. What did He do there (v. 12b)?
3. What very forceful action did Jesus take as He did this (v. 12c)?
4. What reason did Jesus give for what He did (v. 13)?
5. Who sought Jesus while at the temple? What did He do for them (v. 14)?
6. Who came to Jesus with a complaint? Why were they complaining to Jesus? What terribly upset them (vv. 15-16a)?
7. How did Jesus answer their complaint (v. 16b)?
8. Where did Jesus go after this? What was He doing there (v. 17)?
9. Of what was this action of cleansing the temple area symbolic?
10. Since the merchants in the temple area were performing a good and necessary service, why do you think Jesus opposed it so forcefully?
11. How can you show that the praise Jesus received from the little children was worship and praise as God and not merely as one acting on behalf of God?
12. Can little children truly worship and praise the LORD God? How can adults better appreciate the presence and participation of children in worship?
13. What are ways that God's people today can be engaged in normally good things but which detract from the worship of God?
14. How can you better prepare yourself for the corporate worship of God?
15. What are some distractions in your life that the LORD is purging and cleansing?

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