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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 23, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

[Meditation](#)

Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise ["Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #677

†Scripture Reading [Mark 13:5-13](#)

Pastoral Prayer

*Baptism of Eliza Jae Wahl Covenant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Anne Wahl

†Singing Psalms Psalm 20 (*Trinity Psalter*, p.14)
Tune: ["From Every Stormy Wind That Blows"](#) (*TH* #631)

Confession of Faith [The Apostles' Creed](#)

†Scripture Teaching [Daniel 1:1-21](#)

Expounding the Word of God Rev. Matt Bowles

["The One Who Endures to the End..."](#)

†Hymn of Response ["Only Trust Him"](#)
Trinity Hymnal #675

*[The Lord's Supper](#)

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude

†Standing, if able

*Baptism at 9:00 a.m. service // 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 may be through the back entrance of the sanctuary, by the piano, to avoid exposure to those not wearing masks.

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.

At this point, by God's grace, we plan to offer Sunday School for all ages but are still working out the details. Please continue to volunteer, so that we can have full staff plus substitutes available. The classes will be the same as they were prior to last year:

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

To discuss or offer to volunteer, please contact Pastor Matt, Joe Deane, and Dan Bredbenner, or Susan Kruchten.

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

"The Crucified is the One most traumatized. He has borne the World Trade Center. He has carried the Iraq war, the destruction in Syria, the Rwandan massacres, the AIDS crisis, the poverty of our inner cities, and the abused and trafficked children...He has carried the griefs and sorrows of the multitudes who have suffered the natural disasters of this world--the earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis. And he has borne our selfishness, our complacency, our love of success, and our pride. He has been in the darkness. He has known the loss of all things. He has been abandoned by his Father. He has been to hell. There is no part of any tragedy that he has not known or carried. He has done this so that none of us need face tragedy alone because he has been there before us and will go with us, and what he has done for us in Gethsemane and at Calvary he asks us to do as well. We are called to enter into relationships centered on suffering so that we might reveal in flesh and blood the nature of the Crucified One."

—Diane Langberg, *Suffering and the Heart of God: How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores*

PORTICO CONSTRUCTION

Excellent progress is being made on the portico. We have resumed using our main entrance, but the job is not yet complete. Please use caution when walking near the construction site and, for their safety, please keep children away from the construction area.

YOUTH GROUP

The next teen night for rising 6-12th graders will be at the Deane home, 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5.
Please RSVP to Pastor Matt, Joe, or Robin.

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	5/16/2021	YTD
General Income	\$8,409.60	\$210,123.86
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$192,600.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,220.40)	\$17,523.86
Attendance	133	

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

5/23/2021

Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "The One Who Endures to the End..."

Text: Daniel 1:1-21

I. Be Still and Listen in the Silence (1-2)

II. Discern and Resist in the Calm (3-16)

CONFESSION OF SIN

O LORD our God, we lament that our sins have grieved Your heart and arrested sweet communion with You.

We cover over sins and transgressions that others do not see. But in Your sight, O merciful God, nothing is hidden.

We declare that our love for those outside the family of God grows cold.

We admit that often our motive for serving You seeks the praise of others.

We acknowledge that we have harbored bitterness and anger toward others.

Forgive us for the hardness of our hearts. Pardon us for delighting more in the fleeting pleasures of this fallen world.

We confess our sins and plead the merits of our Savior's life, death, and resurrection.

For Your great Name's sake, deliver us from evil.

We pray in the Name of Your Son, Christ Jesus, the Righteous One. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide ... "

— John 15:15-16a (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. Trust and Endure in the Tide (17-21)

Daniel 1:1-21 (ESV)

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding and learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king." Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, "Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see." So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom. And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

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