

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP MAY 30, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

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Meditation

Call to Worship/Invocation

†Hymn of Praise "Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne"

Trinity Hymnal #65

†Scripture Reading <u>John 19:7-15</u>

Pastoral Prayer

†Singing Psalms Psalm 42

Tune: "As the Deer"

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

†Scripture Teaching <u>Daniel 2:1-49</u>

Expounding the Word of God Rev. Matt Bowles

"What the Dream Reveals for Us"

†Hymn of Response "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"
Trinity Hymnal #57

*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 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

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walks in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day.

—Deuteronomy 10:12-15

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 TEXT

5/30/2021 Pastor Matt Bowles

Title: "What the Dream Reveals for Us"

Text: Daniel 2:1-39

¹In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ²Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." 4Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." 5The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation." ⁷They answered a second time and said, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation." 8The king answered and said, "I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm— 9if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." ¹⁰The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. ¹¹The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

¹²Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. ¹³So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them. ¹⁴Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁵He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel. ¹⁶And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.

¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, ¹⁸ and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. ²⁰ Daniel answered and said:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

21 He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; ²²he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. ²³To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter."

²⁴ Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him: "Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation."

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation." ²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" ²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: ²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be. ³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

³¹ "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

- Daniel 2:1-39 (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

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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 Godgiven 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

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God Who hears the prayer of the contrite heart, we acknowledge our failure to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We fall short of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us for these and all our sins and renew an upright heart within us.

We confess that we have been unkind and disrespectful in our thoughts and in our words toward those You have placed over us. Pardon us for our insolence and lack of respect.

Forgive us for presuming upon Your grace and for dismissing Your fatherly displeasure as of little consequence.

Cleanse us according to Your great mercy and bring us to Your Table with clean hands and a pure heart, because of Christ our Lord, in Whose Name we pray.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

8The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always chide,

nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

— Psalm 103:8-12 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online <u>Calendar</u>. It can be also be viewed on the home page of <u>www.spriggsroad.org</u>.

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	5/23/2021	YTD
General Income	\$19,630.00	\$229,753.86
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$202,230.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$10,000.00	\$27,523.86
Attendance	135	

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.

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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 (ESV)