



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
AUGUST 22, 2021
10:45 A.M.

Prelude	"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #77‡
Welcome	
Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship/Invocation	
†Hymn of Worship	"Children of the Heavenly Father" #131
†Scripture Reading	Exodus 3:1-6
†Song of Praise	"I Come to the Cross"
Pastoral Prayer	RE Ryan Heisey
†Singing Psalms	Psalm 17 (<i>Trinity Psalter</i> , p.10) Tune: "The Lord's My Shepherd" #87
†Confession of Faith	<i>The Nicene Creed</i>
Tithes & Offerings	"Therefore the Redeemed of the Lord"
†Scripture Teaching	Matthew 22:23-33
Expounding the Word	Pastor Michael Mang "Jesus Answers a 'Tough' Theological Question"
†Hymn of Response	"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #598
*The Lord's Supper	
†Doxology	
†Benediction	
Postlude	"Jesus Calls Us" #591

†Standing, if able

*Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper

‡ Unless otherwise noted, hymn numbers are for the *Trinity Hymnal*.

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.

We have resumed our schedule of 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. Masks are optional, but seating in the front left corner is reserved for any who prefer a masked and socially distanced option.

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

For we are not saved by believing in our own salvation, nor by believing anything whatsoever about ourselves. We are saved by what we believe about the Son of God and His righteousness. The gospel believed saves; not the believing in our own faith.

– Horatius Bonar, Everlasting Righteousness

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

8/22/2021

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: Jesus Answers a 'Tough' Theological Question

Text: Matthew 22:23-33

Theme: No one is required to understand the depths and intricacies of theology in order to be saved, but some things are clearly foundational for a child-like faith to grow to maturity. The knowledge of God and a true understanding of Scripture are fundamental to faith. Reject these, and faith fizzles.

I. The Sadducees Seek to _____ Jesus as a Teacher of an _____ Doctrine (23-28)

II. Jesus Exposes the _____ of Their Theological _____ (29-32)

A. A _____ Understanding of _____

B, A _____ Understanding of _____

III. The _____ Are Even
More _____ After Hearing Jesus'
Explanation (33)

IV. Applications

A. _____ will continue in heaven in the form of
the _____, the _____,
joined with her _____, the Lord Jesus
Christ.

B. You cannot rightly know _____ apart from
_____.

C. Christ Jesus holds you _____ to come to
the right _____ based upon God's Word
even though these may not be _____.

**QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS AND
CONSIDER AT HOME OR IN SMALL
GROUP:**

1. After the Pharisees questioned Jesus and left, who then came to Jesus with a challenging question (v. 23a)?
2. What was a fundamental belief this group denied (v. 23b)?
3. What common institution did they use to demonstrate their point (v. 24a)?
4. What particular custom in Israel did these men use to demonstrate their point (v. 24b)?
5. What scenario did they propose to Jesus to set up their point (vv. 25-27)?
6. What was the question they asked Jesus supposing that it proved their point (v. 28)?
7. What were the two reasons Jesus gave for their mistaken understanding (v. 29)?
8. What did these men misunderstand about the institution of marriage and the future life (v. 30)?
9. How did Jesus prove to them that the Scripture did in fact teach the fundamental truth they denied (vv. 31-32)?
10. How did the people who were listening to this conversation between Jesus and these men respond to what He said (v. 33)?
11. What parallels might you draw between the Sadducees and progressive Christianity today?
12. How does this encounter between Jesus and the Sadducees demonstrate His unblemished nature?
13. Of the three creational ordinances (labor, marriage, Sabbath), which ones will continue in eternity? Which ones will not continue?
14. Why is marriage between a man and a woman ordained for this mortal, earthly life (consult WCF 24.2)?
15. How will marriage continue in the eternal state?
16. Why is it not possible to put God and Scripture at odds with one another? How do some people try to do this?
17. When a professing Christian no longer believes and relies upon the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture, what almost always inevitably ensues?
18. What does an “implied” truth mean? How critical are implied truths? How can God hold you accountable to understand things that are NOT explicitly stated in the Bible?
19. What are some fundamental teachings of Scripture that are not directly stated in Scripture?
20. How do you suppose you might fail to understand the power of God?

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

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.

CONFESSON 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)

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 Charlie Kim or Erik Woloszczuk with any questions. The items most needed according to the ACTS website (June 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)
 Pasta
 Canned tomato sauce
 1- or 2- lb bags of Rice
 Shelf Stable Milk
 Cooking oil
 Canned soup
 Coffee

General Items

Size 6 diapers
 Children's Pull-ups
 Soap
 Toothpaste
 Shampoo
 Deodorant
 Wipes
 Toilet Paper
 Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap
 Feminine Hygiene Products
 Pet Food
 Pet Supplies

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	08/15/2021	YTD
General Income	\$6,278.53	\$363,830.06
Budget Requirement	\$9,630.00	\$317,790.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,351.47)	\$46,040.06
Attendance	126	

SAVE THE DATE

Church Picnic / Anniversary Celebration — October 9

Men & Boys' Campout — October 14-16

Fall Work Day — TBD

Fall Festival — November 6

TEEN SWIM NIGHT

Teen Swim Night at the Deanes' Aug 28th at 3pm!

They will provide fried chicken if we can cover sides, drinks and desserts.

Look forward to some water fun, food and devotional soon!

SMALL GROUPS

The session is considering the addition of several new small groups; please talk to Elder Joe Deane for details. These groups are an excellent means to grow in life and ministry with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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).

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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)
