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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)



## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MARCH 6, 2022

10:45 A.M.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Meditation

### Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship      “Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns” *TH*#369

### Greeting

†Song of Praise      “Be Exalted, O God”

†Confession of Faith      The Apostles' Creed

### Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading      Samuel 14:1-15 [Seat Bibles, p. 235-236]

†Singing Psalms      Psalm 71, *TP*, pp. 59-60

Tune: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *TH*#251

### Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri      *TH*#735

### Deacons' Update

Sermon Text      Matthew 25:14-30 [Seat Bibles, p. 830-831]

### Expounding the Word of God

Pastor Michael Mang

“Use the Treasure God Has Given You”

†Hymn of Response      “All to Jesus I Surrender” *TH*#562

### †The Lord's Supper

### †Doxology

### †Benediction

### Postlude

†Standing, if able

‡Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

*TH* — Trinity Hymnal; *TP* — Trinity Psalter; *TPH* — Trinity Psalter 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 9:30 Sunday School for all ages, and 10:45 worship, with nursery available for ages 3 and under. 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

“The best proof that [God] will never cease to love us lies in that He never began.”

– Geerhardus Vos, “The Letters of Geerhardus Vos”

## FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Men’s Breakfast** meets on 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. at the church building, for a potluck meal and study of *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Orland. Zoom access will also be available.

—**Women’s Bible Studies** meet on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month, on Tuesday morning and Thursday evening. See Lisa Bentley or Robin Deane for details.

—Multiple **small groups** meet 1-2 times per month for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Please speak to anyone on the session if you are interested in joining one.

—Each **Tuesday evening**, we have a potluck dinner at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by prayer & teaching at 7:00. Please come! A **Communicants Class** is running concurrently through April.

## 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 Kate Bredbenner)

**Nursery and Outdoor Safety Monitors** (contact Robin Deane)

**Special Music** (contact Barbara Harris or Grace Reid)

**Communion Bread** (contact the Deacons to be part of a rotation)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	02/27/2022	YTD
General Income	\$6,645.62	\$78,975.72
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$92,250.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,604.38)	(\$13,274.28)
Attendance	122	

## 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).

## RIDGEHAVEN SERVICE PROJECT

Ridgehaven Camp for rising 6th-12th graders will be held August 1st-6th this year. Get ready for hard work and a lot of fun!  
Please see Pastor Matt's email or speak to him directly for more details.

## WORK DAY

The next church workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th.  
(May 7th is the rain date.)  
Please plan to come and help, even for a short time.

## SENIORS' LUNCH

The Seniors' Lunch will be Wednesday, March 9, noon to 1:30 p.m., at the church. Please join us for a good time of fellowship. Just bring your lunch and beverage; dessert will be supplied. Questions: see John or Paula Strain.

## SERVICE FOR STEVE POWELL

The Powell family welcomes the congregation to attend Steve Powell's interment service, which will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, March 21st, at 11:00. Guests will need to arrive no later than 10:15 and drive to the administration building to ask for the service for Lieutenant Colonel David Stephen Powell. ID is required for anyone age 16 or older.

\*There will not be a public reception following this service.

## 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

03/06/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Use the Treasure God Has Given You"

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: Readiness for Christ's return sees believers busy and engaged using the gifts and resources granted us by God. If we employ these gifts for the sake of Christ, we will see growth and blessing. If we do not, we will see that what we been given will be stripped away from us.

I. An Owner Gives \_\_\_\_\_ to His Servants  
Before \_\_\_\_\_ on a Journey (14-18)

II. The Owner's \_\_\_\_\_ of  
His \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Returning from His Journey  
(19-28)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ to Be \_\_\_\_\_ (29-30)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, we confess that we fail to forgive as we should. Pardon us for harboring anger and bitterness in our hearts instead of being kind and tender-hearted to forgive as God in Christ has forgiven us.

We grieve that we have been negligent and careless in carrying out Your commandments and duties. All Your laws and precepts reflect Your glory and are for our good.

We mourn that we would rather receive than give.

We abhor the times we waver and do not hold fast our confession that Jesus is Lord.

Because of Your great love and mercy, hear and forgive us.

May we always model the Gospel and show forth that our Lord Jesus has overcome all that has held us in bondage. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

### ***Personal Confession***

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"And I will have mercy on No Mercy,  
and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';  
and he shall say, 'You are my God.'" —  
And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not  
my people,"  
it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

—Hosea 2:23, 1:10 (ESV)

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.

#### IV. Applications

A. What determines success or failure from a disciple's perspective is \_\_\_\_\_. What ultimately determines success is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We have been \_\_\_\_\_ with enormous \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's Kingdom.

C. When a professing Christian demonstrates a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of the Kingdom, it shows that he does not \_\_\_\_\_ his Lord.

D. You cannot be ready or prepared for the return of Christ if you are not \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Kingdom.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did the man in the parable entrust to his servants (v. 14)?
2. What was the distribution he gave to three of his servants (v. 15a)?
3. What did the owner do after distributing his property to his servants (v. 15b)?
4. What did each of the servants do with the money entrusted to them (vv. 16-18)?
5. When did the master return, and what did he do once he came back (v. 19)?
6. What was the first servant's report, and how did the master respond to this servant (vv. 20-21)?
7. What was the second servant's report, and how did the master respond to the second servant (vv. 22-23)?
8. What was the third servant's report, and how did his master respond to him (vv. 24-28)?
9. What were the lessons Jesus drew from this parable (vv. 29-30)?
10. What is the ultimate end of those who are like the third servant (v. 30)?
11. How does faithfulness in the life of the Christian determine success in the Lord's eyes?
12. Does our faithfulness ultimately determine success or failure in life?
13. What value do you place on the gifts God gives you? What are those gifts? How do you use those gifts?
14. What does engagement in the work of the Kingdom look like for you?
15. How can you be a "player" for the Lord instead of a "spectator" in the Church? At work? At school? At home?
16. How prepared do you believe you are for the return of Christ based upon your engagement with the gifts God has given to you? How might you become more engaged?
17. How should you view the disproportionate and unequal distribution of God's gifts to His people? What seems to put all of God's people on an equal footing?
18. What is the "little" that God has given our congregation that we should use in "trading" for the Kingdom of God?
19. What does "playing it safe" spiritually speaking mean in the context of using the gifts and abilities God bestows?
20. Is there risk in the service of Christ? How do you decide what risk is good and what risk is bad in trying to be faithful with the things God gives you?

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Announcement:

All are invited to the Lord's Table who have been baptized, have publicly professed (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) faith in 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.