



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

MAY 22, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *TPH 402; TH 343*

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†**Hymn of Worship** "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" *TPH 148B; TH 110*

Greeting

†**Song of Praise** "The Power of the Cross"

†**Confession of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†**Scripture Reading** *Hebrews 10:19-25* [Seat Bibles, p. 1007]

†**Singing Psalms** *Psalms 20*

Tune: "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows" *TH 631*

Tithes & Offerings "Moment by Moment" *TH 623*

†**Gloria Patri** *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *Ruth 1:1-22* [Seat Bibles, p. 222]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

"Go Where the LORD God Is"

†**Hymn of Response** "Come, Take by Faith the Body of the LORD" *TPH 197*

Tune: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" *TPH 202*

‡**The Lord's Supper**

†**Doxology**

†**Benediction**

Postlude "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide" *TPH 406; TH 348*

†Standing, if able

‡Live stream ends before the Lord's Supper.

TH — Trinity Hymnal; 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 resumed our schedule of 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

Self-righteousness ... is the largest idol of the human—the idol which man loves most and God hates most. Dearly beloved, you will always be going back to this idol. You are always trying to be something in yourself, to gain God's favour by thinking little of your sin, or by looking to your repentance, tears, prayers; or by looking to your religious exercises, your frames, etc.; or by looking to your graces, the Spirit's work in your heart. Beware of false Christs. Study sanctification to the utmost, but make not a Christ of it.

— Robert Murray McCheyne

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

05/22/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "Go Where the LORD God Is"

Text: Ruth 1:1-22 (ESV)

Themes: God is not to be located in Jerusalem, or Samaria, or in any physical place. He is wherever you call upon Him. But if you truly want to go where God is, go where His people are. And wherever you go, the LORD God will also be there because by faith and repentance He dwells in you by His Spirit.

I. Naomi's Life _____ the Land of _____ (1-5)

II. Naomi's Decision to _____ to the Land of _____ (6-18)

III. Naomi's _____ Upon Her _____ to Bethlehem (19-22)

IV. Applications

A. _____ to and _____ God in those times where you particularly feel the LORD may have turned _____ you.

B. Faith and repentance are often expressed when you _____ with God's people at the _____ gatherings and at special times of _____ and _____.

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

1. During what period of Israel's history did this story take place (v. 1a)?
2. What family does this story focus upon? Where did this family live? What was the name of the wife, and the two sons (vv. 1-2)?
3. What circumstance led this family to move? Where did they go (v. 1)?
4. What happened to the family while they lived in a foreign land (vv. 3-5)?
5. Who among the family was left (vv. 4-5)?
6. What did Naomi decide to do? Why? (v. 6)
7. Did anyone go with Naomi upon her return? If so, who (vv. 6-14)?
8. Why did Ruth return with her mother-in-law (vv. 15-18)?
9. What was Naomi feeling when she returned to her hometown (vv. 19-21)?
10. What time of year was it when Naomi returned to her hometown (v. 22)?
11. How was the meaning of Naomi's name unlike what she was experiencing?
12. Do Christians ever feel as though God has turned against them? Why do they feel this way? Is the LORD God really against them?
13. How was Naomi's bitterness still tinted with faith?
14. In those times when you may feel that God has it out for you, how can you still retain faith and endurance?
15. What does it mean to be "insensible under judgments"? (See *Westminster Larger Catechism*, Q. 105)
16. Where do you find faith and repentance in this story?
17. If God is not located in any particular place, how can it be said that you can go to the LORD by going to church?
18. How is the LORD especially present when His people gather in His Name?
19. Can one go where the LORD God is by going to any particular country today?
20. How do you express your faith and love when you gather with God's people when they worship and when they work for the LORD?

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.

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 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 also be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Save Lives, Fill a Bottle! The Baby Bottle Campaign for Life First has started. The funds you collect will help save lives, spare hearts, and share the Gospel. It's easy to participate! Pick up a bottle today and fill it with coins, cash, or check over the coming weeks. Receipts will be given for checks only. Bring it back to the church on or before Father's Day, June 19, and know you are making a positive difference in the lives of women and children in your community.

If you have any questions, call Susan Kruchten at 540-349-4359

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

Adult Choir Practice will be held May 26 at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP AND TEACHING

—**Adult Sunday School** is going through the book Strange New World by Carl Trueman. Books and study guides are available at Amazon, ChristianBook, Audible, Crossways, and HeritageBooks.

—**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 Ortlund. Zoom access will also be available.

—**Women’s Bible Studies** starting up again in the fall. 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, please come to a **potluck dinner** at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by **prayer & teaching** at 7:00.

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)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	05/15/2022	YTD
General Income	\$8,582.91	\$193,417.15
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$205,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,667.09)	(\$11,582.85)
Attendance	121	

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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)
