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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

OCT 2, 2022

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Meditation

Call to Worship and Invocation

†Hymn of Worship “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *TPH 380*

Greeting

†Song of Praise “I Worship You, Almighty God”

†Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Pastoral Prayer

†Scripture Reading *Isaiah 19:16-25* [Seat Bibles, p. 582]

†Singing Psalms Psalm 9

Tune: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *TPH 224; TH 38*

Tithes & Offerings

†Gloria Patri *TPH 572; TH 735*

Sermon Text *Ephesians 2:11-22* [Seat Bibles, p. 976]

Expounding the Word of God Pastor Michael Mang

“The Greatest Gulf Is Now Bridged”

†Hymn of Response “Union with Thee” *TPH 448*

The Lord's Supper

†Doxology

†Benediction

Postlude

†Standing, if able

TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal TH—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 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

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

--Philippians 4:8 (ESV)

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 HeritageBook.

—**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 is available, if requested.

—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 singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Please come!

—**Women’s Bible Study** is studying Hebrews every 2 weeks at the church, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. You can attend either date/time. Please see Robin Deane or Lisa Bentley if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is set for June 26-30, 2023! Please contact Pastor Matt if you are interested in acting as director or co-director for this very important ministry.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income vs. Budget	09/25/2022	YTD
General Income	\$6,736.90	\$359,799.51
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$399,750.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,513.10)	(\$39,950.49)
Attendance		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled events can be found on the church's online [Calendar](#). It also can be viewed on the home page of www.spriggsroad.org.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Change of Date! The church picnic & 15th Anniversary celebration will now be held on Saturday, **October 8th**, from 3-7 p.m. at the Deanes' home. Please let Robin know if your RSVP has changed, and see details on the Sign-up Genius that was emailed on 9/21.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sunday choir rehearsals:

- * Girls' Choir - 10:20-10:40 in the Choir room
- * Bell Choir - Immediately after the service in the sanctuary
- * Adult Choir - Immediately following the bell choir in the sanctuary
- * Young Men's Choir - 9:00-9:25 a.m. in the sanctuary

MEN AND BOYS CAMPOUT

The Men and Boys Campout will be held Thursday, Oct 13th through Saturday, Oct 15th at the Deanes' property. Feel free to come whenever you are able. Please see Joe Deane for details.

SRPC FALL FESTIVAL

The annual Fall Festival Outreach event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 12th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. This event is a way we reach out to the community and provide a fun day with free food and activities. There are many ways for all ages to help both before and the day of the event. Please see 9/20 email to sign-up to bring items, help coordinate, and/or work a shift the day of the event. It is always a great time! Please reach out to Gina Powell with any questions.

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

10/02/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Greatest Gulf Is Now Bridged"

Text: Ephesians 2: 11-22

Theme: The greatest gulf between two ethnic groups in the history of the world has been bridged. Christ has achieved this rapprochement through His death on the cross for sin. There must be no impenetrable wall between true brothers and sisters in Christ. If there is, there is no reconciliation to Christ.

I. _____ Your Previously _____
Position as a Member of a Group Having No
_____ with _____ (11-12)

II. Now You Have Privileged _____ to God
in _____ (13-18)

III. The Hated _____ Are Now _____
Citizens with the Hated _____ in the Kingdom
of God (19-22)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, You Who are rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You confessing our sins. We implore You for Your mercy and forgiveness.

We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds, by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness. We acknowledge before You all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our neighbors.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. And from Your abundant goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

— Isaiah 1:18 (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. _____ is not always a _____ thing when it _____ the _____ of truth of God and the Church. _____ is not always a _____ thing if it means _____ evil and falsehood.

B. Christ Jesus is the _____ of all who are in _____ with Him.

C. In Christ the _____ between individuals and groups has been _____. Christ has _____ the divide.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the Jews often refer to Gentiles (v. 11b)?
2. What were Jews often called (v. 11b)?
3. What five aspects of their life before Christ were the Gentile Ephesian Christians to remember (vv. 11-12)?
4. What had since happened to these Gentile Ephesian Christians (v. 13)?
5. What condition has Christ now made between Jewish and Gentile Christians (vv. 14-15)?
6. How did Christ establish this condition? (vv. 14b-15a)?
7. What did Christ create when He did this (v. 15b)?
8. How are these two groups now reconciled to God? What was the way these groups were reconciled? What was killed when these two groups were reconciled (v. 16)?
9. To whom did Christ preach this message of peace (v. 17)?
10. What do both Jewish and Gentile followers of Christ now enjoy together (v. 18)?
11. What status do Gentile Christians no longer have in relation to the family of God? What relationship do Gentile Christians now have? (v. 19)?
12. What is the foundation of the household of God? What is the cornerstone of the household of God (v. 20)?
13. Into what are Jewish and Gentile Christians being built and joined together (v. 21)?
14. Who dwells in this building (v. 22)?
15. When did divisions and separation between people really begin to be pronounced (see Genesis 11)? What precipitated this separation? Who caused this separation?
16. When might unity be a bad thing? When might division be a good thing?
17. What originally was the purpose for Jews being separated from the Gentiles?
18. Why did Gentiles hate the Jews? Why did Jews hate the Gentiles?
19. How are Jews and Gentiles brought together?
20. How can Christians be united when they have such different backgrounds, experiences, and opinions?

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.