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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

AUGUST 14, 2022 **10:45**

Prelude	“Behold Our God”
Welcome and Announcements	
Meditation	
Call to Worship and Invocation	
† Hymn of Worship	“Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem” <i>TPH 358; TH 271</i>
Greeting	
† Song of Praise	“Behold Our God” [see handout]
† Confession of Faith	The Nicene Creed
Pastoral Prayer	RE Joe Deane
Believer’s Baptism	Andrew Ryan Rowe
† Scripture Reading	Deuteronomy 7:6-11 [Seat Bibles, p. 152]
† Singing Psalms	Psalm 119:17-34 Tune: “Amazing Grace” <i>TPH 433; TH 460</i>
Tithes & Offerings	“Holy Is the Lord”
† Gloria Patri	<i>TPH 572; TH 735</i>
Sermon Text	Ephesians 1:3-6 [Seat Bibles, p. 976]
Expounding the Word of God	Pastor Michael Mang
	“The Father Picks Us to Be Holy and Blameless”
† Hymn of Response	“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” <i>TPH 403; TH 345</i>
‡ The Lord’s Supper	
† Doxology	
† Benediction	
Postlude	“Jehovah Reigns, Let Earth Be Glad” <i>TH 63</i>
†Standing, if able	
‡Live stream ends before the Lord’s Supper.	
<i>TH — Trinity Hymnal; TPH — Trinity Psalter Hymnal</i>	

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

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

—Isaiah 42:1-4 (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 6:15 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Separate instruction and activities are provided for teens and kids. Please come!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Help is needed in the following areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time in these important areas:

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	08/07/2022	YTD
General Income	\$16,982.90	\$299,671.98
Budget Requirement	\$10,250.00	\$328,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$6,732.90	(\$28,328.02)
Attendance	122	

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.

A THANK YOU FROM JANE BRINKERHOFF

To my partners in missions at Spriggs Road Presbyterian:

Responses from new Japanese believers last month:

(-'Believer-in-process' Tomomi who's been kept from church but faithfully reads the Bible):

If someone were causing me to suffer I wouldn't choose that person for my friend and co-worker, but that's what Jesus did with Saul who was 'persecuting' him!

-(Nursing home resident Mrs. Tanada, allowed no visitors for over 2 years, about our Sunday phone calls:)

After singing hymns and reading the Bible together on Sunday, I have energy and joy to last the whole week!

-(Mai, young woman from an abusive family background:)

I would have been dead by now if not led to this church where I met Christ.....through whom I also came to know the meaning of love for the first time...

Thank you very much for your support of \$142 each month of this year that helps bring God's Word with its saving love and power to those who have never known it.

Your partner in His service,
Jane

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

08/14/2022

Pastor Michael Mang

Title: "The Father Picks Us to Be Holy and Blameless"

Text: Ephesians 1:3-6

Theme: God's plan is for you and me to live before Him as holy and blameless sons and daughters forever and ever. This plan began before the foundation of the world and is realized all throughout

Brief Outline of Ephesians

Greeting	1:1-2
I. Praise for God's All-Encompassing Eternal Purpose for Life	1:3-14
II. Prayer to Understand God's Great Plan	1:15-23
III. How God Made You and Others to Be a Part of His Plan	2:1-22
IV. The Gospel Reveals the Central Aspect of God's Plan: Christ	3:1-13
V. Prayer to Be Filled with God's Fullness	3:14-21
VI. How to Respond as a Part of God's Eternal Plan	4:1-6:20
Final Greeting	6:21-24

I. We Have Great _____ to _____ God for
Huge and Lasting _____
_____ (3)

II. One Great Spiritual Blessing Is God's _____ for Us to
Be _____ and _____ (4)

III. It Was the LORD's _____ to
Make Us His _____ (5-6)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

And grant, most merciful Father for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and joyful life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Personal Confession

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. . . . For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:1-2, 38-39 (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. The LORD God has a _____ for us that _____ any we can ever imagine.

B. You should be moved to unceasing _____ because you could never hope to _____ these blessings apart from God's _____.

C. The truth about God's _____ grace should cause us to be the most motivated _____ of the _____, far beyond any other cause or purpose in the world.

D. God is worthy of our _____ and _____ because it was His good _____ alone that has made us His people and has blessed us with every blessing _____ in Christ Jesus.

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

1. Why does Paul call us to bless God (v. 3)?
2. What does it mean to “bless” God?
3. To Whom specifically of the Divine Godhead does Paul direct praise (v. 3a)?
4. What does Paul identify as the cause of our blessings (v. 4a)?
5. When did this electing cause occur (v. 4a)?
6. What is the purpose for God’s election of His people (v. 4b)?
7. What relationship did God determine that His people would have to Him? How certain is this relationship (v. 5a)?
8. Why did God purpose our adoption as His children (v. 5b)?
9. What is the result of God’s electing purpose for us to be His children (v. 6a)?
10. Where are all these blessings contained (v. 6b)?
11. What place or realm do we typically think will be a place of total bliss and happiness? What might be described as “heavenly places”?
12. How can you now be designated “holy and blameless” when you sin against the LORD?
13. Why has God’s election and predestination been controversial in the Church?
14. What problems and errors might arise from overemphasizing predestination and election?
15. What problems and errors might arise from underemphasizing predestination and election?
16. How should the “mystery of predestination” be handled? [see WCF3.8a]
17. What should be our attitude concerning the doctrine of predestination? [see WCF 3.8b]
18. What is the basis for God’s blessing His people, blessings that involve election, predestination, and adoption?
19. How does God’s election and predestination motivate you to praise the LORD God?
20. How does God’s election and predestination motivate you to share the Gospel?

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.