

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

January 7, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Spring Hills

By Greg Upchurch

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:20-21 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-3, 15 (ESV)

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

People: **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

ALL: **I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Joe Blanner

*WORSHIP IN SONG

Isaiah 43

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

*GREETING OF PEACE

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you! The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Living Waters

By Keith & Kristyn Getty & Ed Cash

SCRIPTURE READING (page 1041 in blue pew Bible)

Revelation 21:1-6

**For those who are able, please stand.*

SERMON

“And It Came To Pass”
Rev. David Stain
Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #320** (stanzas 1-2) *Rejoice, All Ye Believers*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Knox’s liturgy

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 103:2-5 (ESV)

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. The celebration of the Lord’s Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please feel free to eat the bread when you are served to signify that Christ’s death was for you as an individual.

Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may partake together signifying that the Christ’s death was for the Body of Christ called from before the foundation of the world.

***CLOSING HYMN #320** (stanzas 3-4) *Rejoice, All Ye Believers*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Arr. by Larry Shackley

Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:

CHANGED HEARTS through the transforming power of the Gospel of Grace,
CHANGED LIVES through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a
CHANGED COMMUNITY, where the community is so transformed by the power of the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.