

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

February 25, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus Shall Reign!

Arr. by Getty

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

"If you return, O Israel, declares the LORD, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver, and if you swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall be bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."

Jeremiah 4:1-2 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 143:1-2, 5-11 (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: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

People: **Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

Leader: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

People: **I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**

Leader: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

People: **Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

Leader: For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

ALL: **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #30** (stanzas 1-4, 7) *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder David Haas

*WORSHIP IN SONG

I Come To You With Aching Heart

Here I Am To Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen!

HYMN OF CONFESSION #486 (stanzas 1-3, 5) *God, Be Merciful To Me*

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 68:19-20 (ESV)

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Our God is a God of salvation.

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

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Psalm 4:8 (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.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

In the Congregational Prayer we address God in a special way as priestly intercessors for each other and for the world at large. We pray not just for our own congregation and for the people we know; we also intercede for those in authority, for the missionaries we support, for those suffering oppression, for those who are poor, hungry, or sick, and so on.

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.

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.

For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:1-4 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

O Happy Day

Arr. by Edwin R. Hawkins

SCRIPTURE READING (page 760 in blue pew Bible)

Joel 1:1-20

SERMON

"A Summons To Repentance"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #500**

Rock Of Ages

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in F

By Alice Jordan

Personal Prayer and Counsel

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Romans 12:10, 12, 13 (NIV)

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please see Pastor Stain or one of our Elders at the back of the church following the worship service where we are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

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.