

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

April 15, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Like a River Glorious

Arr. by Jan Sanborne

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

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords to godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.

Titus 1:1-2 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 5:1-5, 1 Timothy 4:9-10 (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: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

People: **and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

Leader: Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance; and endurance produces character; and character produces hope,

People: **and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.

ALL: **For to this we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #161

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

(sung to the tune of *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Leo Mooney

*WORSHIP IN SONG

What Love Is

Multiplied

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 103:8-12 (ESV)

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Ephesians 6:23-24 (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.

*Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*

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.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Bless His Holy Name

By Keith Hampton

SCRIPTURE READING (page 1016 in blue pew Bible)

1 Peter 3:15-18

SERMON

"The Reason For The Hope That Is In You"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #521** *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance

setting by Joel Raney

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.