

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Arr. Virginia Halberg

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

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.

John 15:16 (ESV)

INTROIT *You Are Mine* By David Haas Arr. by Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 115:1-3, 11-13, 17-18 (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: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

People: **Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.**

Leader: You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

People: **The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us, he will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.**

Leader: The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any who go down into silence.

ALL: But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #600 (stanzas 1, 3-4) *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

(At the conclusion of the prayer of adoration, you are encouraged to join in the Lord's Prayer based on Matthew 6 ESV)

Unison: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*WORSHIP IN SONG *This Is My Father's World* *You Are God Alone*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, our Father, help me to know that all things are shadows, but You are substance; all things are quicksand, but You are mountain; all things are shifting, but You are anchor; all things are ignorance, but You are wisdom. Grant that I may never cease grieving because of my sin. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self, give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for You and not for self. Deliver me from attachment to things impure, from wrong associations, from predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with earnest heart searching I may

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

come to You, cast myself on You, trust in You, cry to You, be delivered by You. These things I pray in Jesus' name, Amen!

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 32:5 (ESV)

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Psalm 29:11 (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 LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

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.

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Thanksgiving

By Shawna Edwards

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

Psalm 119:9 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 909 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 1:12-26

SERMON

"How To Seek God In Our Decisions"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #644** (stanzas 1-4) *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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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.