

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

July 22, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Like a River Glorious

Arr. by Chris Rice

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

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 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 8:31-39 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46 (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: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

ALL: **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #30** (stanzas 1-3, 7) *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jeff Cunningham

*WORSHIP IN SONG

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Whom Should I Fear*

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 5.5

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God does oftentimes leave, for a season, his own children to manifold temptations, and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support unto himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Lord, You have promised that if I will confess my sins You are faithful and just to forgive my sins. I come in penitence, seeking Your forgiveness that I may know the joy of Your presence and the light of Your face. You alone know how often I have offended You and hurt the lives of others. Forgive me, O Lord, for every unkind thought, every untrue word, every wrong act. Forgive me, for I have been selfish and have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive me for my ingratitude, my neglect of prayer, my carelessness in the use of money, my forgetfulness of my sacred vows. O God, have mercy on me. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Colossians 3:15 (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.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

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.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

Like A River Glorious

SCRIPTURE READING (page 911 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 4:1-22

SERMON

"Persecution Arrives"

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #55

To God Be The Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

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.