

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *What a Friend for Sinners*

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.

*The LORD of hosts has sworn: "As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand...For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it?*

*His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?*

**Isaiah 14:24, 27 (ESV)**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10 (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: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Leader: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

People: **The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

Leader: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

ALL: **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE #75

*O Father, You Are Sovereign*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Joe Blanner

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG

*I Come To You With Aching Heart*

*Another Hallelujah*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

## COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

**Romans 8:1-4 (ESV)**

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

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

**\*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.

*No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Money.*

**Luke 16:13 (ESV)**

**OFFERTORY**

*Great Is The Lord*

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**Chapter XXI:1, 3, Westminster Confession Of Faith**

- I. The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and does good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by Himself, and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the holy Scripture.
- III. Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of His Spirit, according to His will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 912 in blue pew Bible)

**Acts 4:23-31**

**SERMON**

*"Shakin' The Place With Prayer"*

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Shout to the Lord*

Arr. by Marilyn Ham

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**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.