

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

Youth Sunday

August 12, 2018 - 10:30 AM

Please silence all communication devices. Hearing Assistance Devices and Large Print Bibles are available; please ask an Usher. Children's Bulletins and "Quiet Bags" are available at the Welcome Table.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 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.

*But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

**Romans 3:21-25 (ESV)**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 25:1, 4-6, 8-10 (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: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

People: **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Youth: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**ALL: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE #457 *Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* *Abide in Me*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

"And this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, so we should lay down our lives for the brothers." Your call upon the lives of your children could not be simpler. Love the Lord our God first and then pour ourselves out for others, as your Son did for us. Forgive us for allowing our idols to drag us aimlessly through the desert, away from your will and desire for our life. We are so quick to disobey your commands, and slander the new name and new life you have given us as your people. Focus our hearts on your love, the love you poured out for us, and the love you fill us with to pour into others. Make us live as a kingdom of priests, a holy army, an armada of love – teach us to break through the enemy and darkness with the overpowering light of your love – the light of the gospel, in the name of our King: Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

**COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL**

**1 John 3:23-24 (ESV)**

*And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us. Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.*

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

**1 John 3:18 (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.

*Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

**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**

*Give Us Clean Hands*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 894 in blue pew Bible)

**John 8:24**

**SERMON**

**"A Gospel With Teeth"**

Mr. Rob Stain

Youth Director, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #693** (stanzas 1-2) *Blessed Assurance*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Melva Smith, DJ Kruse, Barb Kruse, Jon Kruse, Francie Stulac, Jacob Almond

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Lord's Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. The celebration of the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

[there is a gluten-free option on the bread tray]

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #693** (stanzas 1 & 3) *Blessed Assurance*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Blessed Assurance*

Arr. by Mary McDonald