

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

October 21, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Arr. by Melody Bober

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

Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?"

And then will I declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

Matthew 7:21-23 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1-3, 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: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

People: **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Leader: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

ALL: Praise the LORD!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #167 (stanzas 1, 3-4, 6) *When Morning Gilds The Skies*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jeff Cunningham

*WORSHIP IN SONG

Days Of Elijah

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Heavenly Father, by condemning envy, hatred, and anger, You tell us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies. But Father, it is hard to forgive people when they hurt us and our loved ones. We want to hurt back—and sometimes we do. But you teach us to love our enemies no matter what they do. Forgive us, Lord, when we do not forgive others. Help us to understand why people hurt others, and let our hearts be filled with love for them. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Psalm 103:8-13 (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. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #32 (stanzas 1 & 3) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

***GREETING OF PEACE**

I Thessalonians 5:13 (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.

Esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

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 lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

OFFERTORY

How Firm A Foundation

SCRIPTURE READING (page 916 in blue pew Bible)

Acts 8:9-25

SERMON

"Professed Faith Or True Faith?"

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #468** *My Faith Has Found A Resting Place*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. by Fred Bock

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.