

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

March 24, 2019 - 10:30 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Come Christians Join To Sing*

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:11-22 (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: Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—

People: **remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.**

Leader: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

People: **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.**

Leader: And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

People: **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Leader: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

ALL: **In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #347 (stanzas 1-2) *The Church's One Foundation*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*WORSHIP IN SONG

Come As You Are

Abide In Me

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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

HYMN OF CONFESSION #347 (stanzas 3 & 5) *The Church's One Foundation*

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.*

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE #347** (stanzas 4 & 6) *The Church's One Foundation*

***GREETING OF PEACE**

1 Corinthians 7:15 (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.

God has called you to peace.

MISSIONS UPDATE Karen Ludwig, Director, My Life Medical & Resource Center, High Ridge, MO

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

[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.*
Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

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.

*And he [Jesus] said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness,
for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."
Luke 12:15 (ESV)*

OFFERTORY

Come On In

By Joel Lindsey

***SCRIPTURE READING** (page 919 in pew Bible)

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON

"Bad News Travels Fast!"

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

***CLOSING HYMN #345**

Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

How Firm A Foundation

Arr. Ken Renfrow

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.