

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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

And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:3-6 (ESV)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105:7-10 (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: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

ALL: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations, the covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac, which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

*HYMN OF PRAISE #521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Joe Blanner

*WORSHIP IN SONG

You Are So Good To Me

This is My Desire

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Confession Of Faith, Chapter 23

Of Marriage and Divorce

- 23.1 Marriage is to be between one man and one woman: neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband, at the same time.
- 23.3 It is lawful for all sorts of people to marry, who are able with judgment to give their consent. Yet it is the duty of Christians to marry only in the Lord.
- 23.5 Adultery or fornication committed after a contract, being detected before marriage, gives just occasion to the innocent party to dissolve that contract. In the case of adultery after marriage, it is lawful for the innocent party to sue out a divorce: and, after the divorce, to marry another, as if the offending party were dead.
- 23.6 Although the corruption of man be such as is apt to study arguments unduly to put asunder those whom God has joined together in marriage: yet, nothing but adultery, or such willful desertion as can no way be remedied by the church, or civil magistrate, is cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage: wherein, a public and orderly course of proceeding is to be observed; and the persons concerned in it not left to their own wills, and discretion, in their own case.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, I am deeply convinced of the evil and misery of a sinful state, of the vanity of creatures, but also of the sufficiency of Christ. When You would guide me, I control myself. When You would be sovereign, I rule myself. When you would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend on Your provision, I supply myself. When I should submit to Your providence, I follow my will. When I should study, love, honor and trust You, I serve myself. I fault and correct Your law to suit myself, and I am by nature an idolater. Take away my roving eye, curious ear, greedy appetite and lustful heart, then take me to the cross and leave me there. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**The congregation stands.*

COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

Titus 3:3-7 (ESV)

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***GREETING OF PEACE**

Ephesians 2:13-14 (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.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our 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

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.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalms 96:7-9 (ESV)

SONG OF PREPARATION

He Will Hold Me Fast

By Ada Habershon & Matt Merker

SCRIPTURE READING (page 801 in pew Bible)

Malachi 2:10-16

SERMON

“Guard the Covenant of Marriage”

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

HYMN OF RESPONSE #465 *Marvelous Grace Of Our Loving Lord

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Grace Greater than our Sin

Arr. by Melody Bober

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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.