

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Worship the King*

Arr. Tornquist

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

*For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

**Romans 8:20-21 (ESV)**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 145:8-9, 13a (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:** The LORD is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

**Response:** The LORD is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation.

**All:** The LORD always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE #692

*To You, O Lord, I Fly*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Worship Leader, Rob Stain

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG

*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul  
Lord, I Need You*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**The Heidelberg Catechism, Questions #1 & 2**

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**ALL:** That I am not my own, but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Leader:** What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**ALL:** Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of Your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to Your love and open for service in Your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

## COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

**Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)**

*"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

*\*The congregation stands; if able.*

**\*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**

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.

*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6, 8 (ESV)**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*All I Have Is Christ*

By Jordan Kauflin

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 553 in pew Bible)

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-18**

**SERMON**

*"Chasing the Wind"*

Rev. Jeff Kuebler

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #165**

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

Arr. Fettke

**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.