“Romans 9:6-29 includes one of the most controversial topics in all of Christian theology, the question of God’s sovereignty in relation to the election of certain individuals unto salvation and of others unto damnation. Paul does not raise the subject of election to give people something interesting to speculate about, but to answer the difficult questions raised earlier in this chapter. If the gospel goes first to the Jew and only then to the Gentile, why is it that Israel presently stands under God’s curse? Does God keep His promises? Did God reject His people? Or is Israel’s present state of unbelief a part of God’s larger redemptive-historical purposes in bringing salvation to the Gentiles? Thus Paul introduces the subject of God’s sovereign purpose in election as the means of answering these difficult questions.”
Kim Riddlebarger

*The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple. This is demonstrated in our **order of worship** (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.*

Order of Worship

June 23, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

*We believe everyone **worships** something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
(Chorus)

Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
(Chorus)

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
(Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
(Chorus)

Chorus*:* Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour, we have sinned against Your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called Your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked You to anger. In Your mercy and for the sake of Your glory, we ask You to receive us into Your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen~

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Gospel Renewal is a time we use to re-mind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.

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Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of **confession** makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.

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*For **assurance of pardon**, the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself and no longer looking to himself. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and rests on that alone". – Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

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Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

Hide Me in Your Holiness

Hide me Lord, in Your holiness,
Every sin I now confess.
Praise to You, forgiving Lord,
Hide me in Your holiness,
Hide me in Your holiness.

I have called upon You Lord,
For You will answer me, O God.
Incline Your ear to hear me, Lord,
Hear my prayer, O God, please
Hear my prayer, O God.

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*The purpose of our time of **greeting** is to fulfill the command in Romans 15:7 "Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."*

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The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.
People: And also, with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes up to the mountains,
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, Maker of Heaven,
Creator of the earth.

(Repeat)

Chorus: O how I need You Lord,
You are my only hope;
You're my only prayer.
So, I will wait for You to come and rescue me,
Come and give me life.

(Repeat Verse / Repeat Chorus 2x)

*Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now **experience the renewal** merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.*

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus*:* How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

*(**Chorus**)*

How great, How great is our God!

Pastoral Prayer

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Jesus, our shepherd, prays with us and for us. We pray the ***pastoral prayer*** *expecting the Holy Spirit to minister Jesus' benefits to us as He prays for us.*
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Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Psalm 62

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation,
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse,
and lies, like arrows, pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations.
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation;
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven.

Chorus*:* Oh, praise Him, hallelujah! My delight and my reward.
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.

I'll set my gaze on God alone, and trust in Him completely;
With ev'ry day pour out my soul, and He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His forever.

(Chorus 2x)

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title: **God's Purpose of Election**
Text: **Romans 9:6-13**
Theme: **It Is Not Race But Grace**

Intro:

I. Not All Racial Israel is True Israel (v.6)

II. The Example of Isaac and Ishmael (vv.7-9)

III. The Example of Jacob and Esau (vv.10-13)

Conclusion:

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Since Jesus Christ has committed Himself to us in the laying down of His precious life, we are reminded of this in the preaching of the Word and likewise called to a daily, ***deepening commitment*** *to follow after Him.*
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Receiving tithes and offerings *is not an "add on" to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God's present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel. You will find baskets for your tithes at the rear of the sanctuary.*

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Guidelines for the ***Lord's Supper*** *can be found on the next page of this bulletin.*

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The ***Benediction*** *is a pronouncement of God's favor upon His assembled people.*

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

O Church Arise

O Church arise and put your armor on,
hear the call of Christ our Captain,
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!",
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken.
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in every stride, give grace for every hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper
(White grape juice or red wine is available; and gluten-free bread in the smaller plate.)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Benediction

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

Who may partake? We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of the Lord's Supper. Namely, baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.

How to partake? Please hold the elements and we will partake of them together. Red wine and white grape juice are both available, as well as gluten free wafers.

What if I don't partake? Please stay seated, meditate on the Gospel, and pray silently.

Prayer for those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of commitment: Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank You that my sin and rebellion are Yours and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that You died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord and I await Your return when I will see You face to face. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children: Lord Jesus, thank You for placing me inside Your family, the church. Help me to know You, to love You, and to follow You as Your faithful disciple. Amen.

Guidelines for Baptism

We baptize all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as He comes to us in the Gospel, along with their children. Children of believers are baptized because we trust that God's covenantal promise is for us and our children. Baptism is the sign of initiation into Christ's church, which means it goes hand in hand with membership. If you are ready to publicly profess faith in Jesus for the salvation of your soul and be united to His church, or if you are ready to have your child baptized, then please talk to one of our elders about the next steps.

Making Contact

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Assistant Pastor……..…christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
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At Spring Meadows, the work of knowing, feeding, leading, and protecting the flock of God is divided among the Shepherding Elders. We encourage all members of the church to reach out to their **Shepherding Elders** often. They want to pray with and for you! If you do not have a Shepherding Elder, please email the church office.

Shepherding Elders / Deacons:
Elders……elders@springmeadowspres.org
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Sermons may be *found* online on our Sound Cloud page:
https://soundcloud.com/smpc-las-vegas-nv/

Sermons can be *heard* live online at 11AM every Sunday:
https://springmeadowspres.org/resources/sermons

Download the SMPC "**Connect**" App on your mobile device.
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Servants: 6-23-2024 | *6-30-2024*

Greeters:	Susan Donovan **|** Marcel & Richard S
Coffee Station:	Alex.Kwasniewski**|** Scott.Shadd
Nursery:	Amanda Summer **|** Amanda S.
Church Nursery	Gwennan Turner **|** Eun-me Phillips
Communion Table	John & Dara Winn**|** Karen Guest

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If you are interested in serving the body at Spring Meadows and would like more information on where and how you can serve, please contact the church office for information.

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Current Sunday School Offerings: 9:30a-10:15a

Adult Sunday School:

Title : Charity More Excellent Than the Extraordinary Gifts of the Spirit

Teacher: Paul Hiles

Pre-K

Series: Jesus Is the Savior

Title: Jesus Appears to Two Men

Teacher: Patty Lovelady & Susan Bernard

Grades (K-2)

Series: Matthew 15-28

Teacher: Jessica Salinas / Mary Posey

Grades (2-5)

Title: Numbers

Teacher: Claire Hiles

Grades (6-12)

Series: Digging Deeper:

Title: Exploring the Shorter Catechism

Teacher: Jeff Williams / Richard Salinas

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If you are interested in serving alongside our current volunteers in the Children's Ministry at Spring Meadows, please contact Elder Dan Phillips.

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Children's Ministry Contacts:

Overseeing Elder- danphillips@springmeadowspres.org

Nursery Scheduling- smpcchildrensministry@springmeadowspres.org

Youth Ministry: christianbland@springmeadowspres.org

Upcoming SMPC Events

- **VBS 2024 > The King is Coming! July 23-26** from **5-8p.** Students Pre-K > Middle School. Registration is closed. Contact **Dan Phillips** or **Hannah B**. with interest or questions.
- **Communicants Classes** will be held **June 22 & June 29** from **10a – 12p.** These two Saturday classes will be held by **Elder Ed Kelley** at Church property.
- **SMPC M.S. & H.S. Youth Ministry: Pool Party June 28th** Save the Date!
- **Missions Committee Meeting: Saturday June 29th** at **2PM**, home of Karen Guest. Please RSVP to Ed Kelley. If you are interested in learning about or serving on this committee please contact: **edkelley@springmeadowspres.org**
- **Southwest Reformed Youth Camp** Registration is open! Camp will take place in Palomar, CA, **August 5-9 of 2024**! Details on back counter.
- **Men's Book Discussion> "The Whole Christ"** by Sinclair Ferguson is meeting every other Saturday from **7a-8a** led by Elder Rick Vetanovetz. Schedule and Books are in Men's Cubby. Book cost $17.
- **Men's & Women's ongoing book study: "Institutes of the Christian Religion'** by John Calvin is led by Deacon Walt Kwasniewski on Fridays **6:30p-8p** at SMPC.
- **SMPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** If you are interested in learning about being a Member of SMPC, sign up for the next class in the back or contact the Office.

For more information on our events, visit: Springmeadowspres.org, or our Church App> Springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com



June Birthdays		June Anniversaries
4th – Jael O.	21st – Katey F.	7th – Andy & Kristen C.
7th – Nate W.	22nd – Josh B.	11th – David & Sally S.
9th – Allison R.	24th – Becky S.	20th – Chris & Kathy W.
12th – Daniel L.	25th – Michelle S	20th - Dave & Kathy M.
14th – Victoria B.	26th- - Kenneth O.	27th – Richard & Jessica S.
16th – Leia H.	28th – Kristen C.	

Community Groups at Spring Meadows

At Spring Meadows, we understand that believers are called to "*Build up one another*". We meet in Community Groups the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month around Las Vegas to worship Christ, train for ministry, and pray for the kingdom of God together. Contact a Group Leader for details.

North
Elder Dan Phillips
danphillips@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Central
Elder Ed Kelley
edkelley@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Green Valley
Elder Rick Vetanovetz
rickvetano@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

South Henderson / Boulder City
Assistant Pastor Christian Bland
christianbland@springmeadowspres.org
Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
4:00PM – 6:00 PM

Scan the **QR code** for Information regarding Community Groups

***1 Thessalonians 5:*11**
"Therefore encourage one another & build one another up, just as you are doing."