“The ancient man approached God (or even the gods) as the accused person approaches his judge. For the modern man the roles are reversed. He is the judge: God is in the dock. He is quite a kindly judge: if God should have a reasonable defense for being the god who permits war, poverty, and disease, he is ready to listen to it. The trial may even end in God’s acquittal. But the important thing is that man is on the bench and God in the dock.”
C.S. Lewis

*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 30, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Graduate Recognition Leia Hoover

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

O Father, You Are Sovereign

O Father, You are sovereign in all the worlds You made;
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, You are sovereign in all affairs of man;
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart Your perfect plan.
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,
You hold Your trusting children secure in Your embrace.

O Father, You are sovereign! We see You dimly now,
But soon before Your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship You!

Invocation

Gospel Renewal

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance:
Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love, remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. For Your Name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble and forgive all my 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!

I Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me;
Though fears are rising like a flood my soul can rest securely.
O Jesus, I will hide in You, my place of peace and solace,
No trial is deeper than Your love that comforts all my sorrows.

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me;
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me.
O Jesus, I will hide in You who bore my condemnation;
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation.

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me,
For in my weakness I have learned Your strength will not forsake me.
***O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens,
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven.

*(**Repeat ***)*

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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

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(**Chorus**)*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled, His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. *(**Chorus**)*

Chorus: Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise;
Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.
(Last Time Repeat Chorus)

In My Place

In my place He stood condemned, He who knew no sin,
Became sin for us that we might become His righteousness;
Bearing all my sin and shame, the punishment and blame,
He conquered the grave that we might become the heirs of grace.

Chorus: In my place Jesus died, the spotless Lamb laid down His life;
The wrath of God was satisfied, in my place, Jesus died.
*(**Repeat All**)*

***Bridge**:* Nail-pierced hands, bleeding side,
His body bruised, my God crucified.
A crown of thorns, dying cries, His flesh was torn, my God crucified.
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Savior!
*(**Repeat Chorus**)*

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*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.*

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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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the Throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end to all my sin,
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The Great unchangeable "I AM", the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.

Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word: Pastor Tim Posey

Series: **Romans**
Title**: Is God Unjust?**
Text: **Romans 9:13-18**
Theme: **Let God Be God**

Intro:

I. Is God Unjust? (v.14)

II. The Example of Moses (v.15-16)

III. The Example of Pharaoh (v.17)

IV. The Freedom of God (v.18)

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

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.
(Refrain)
Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load
Of sins that none in heav'n or earth could bear but God.
(Refrain)
Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.
(Refrain)
Refrain: To whom, save Thee, who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

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

Benevolence Offering

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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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.
https://springmeadowspres.churchtrac.com or scan **QR Code.**

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Servants: 6-30-2024 | 7-07-2024

Greeters:	Marcel & Richard **|** Mark & Victoria
Coffee Station:	Scott&Isaiah S. **|**Wendy & Steve L.
Nursery:	Amanda Summer**|** TBD
Church Nursery	Eun-me Phillips **|** Heidi Rudy
Communion Table	Karen Guest **|** David Sonner

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

Adult Sunday School:
Title : General Assembly Update
Teacher: Christian Bland

Pre-K
Series: Jesus Is the Savior
Title: Jesus Appears to His Disciples
Teacher: Cameron & Jessica Denny

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

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

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.
- **Southwest Reformed Youth Camp** Registration is open! Camp will take place in Palomar, CA, **August 5-9 of 2024**! Details on back counter.
- **Women's Summer Book Discussion '**Idols of the Heart' by Elyse Fitzpatrick. Pick up your copy for **$5**, pay Kristen C. An **Ice Cream Gathering** for the Book Discussion will take place at the end of Summer, date TBD.
- **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. You can join this ongoing study, never too late.
- **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
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Meets: 2nd and 4th Sundays
5:00PM – 7:00 PM

Green Valley
Elder Rick Vetanovetz
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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."