ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted."

- Job 42:2

Osterland

October 4, 2020 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

Please silence all electronic devices.

"Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise."

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Prelude Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Welcome

Call to Worship

* Hymn Though Troubles Assail Us **JOANNA**

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, Though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; From them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path, And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, This heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; Yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name, In this our strong tower for safety we hide: The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

"Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry!"

Old Testament Lesson

Job 38:1-7, 40:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our great God and Heavenly Father, we confess that we have often questioned Your goodness and doubted Your greatness. We have been far too quick to contend with You and far too slow to trust You.

We ask Your forgiveness for our many foolish sins. Cleanse us in the blood of Your Son. Increase our faith, destroy our doubt, and grant us unwavering belief in Your sovereign power, grace, and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Heath Cross

* Hymn

The Lord Is My Salvation

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Mr. Scott Parnell

Larson

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea And I am safe on this solid ground; the Lord is my salvation. I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.

I'll see the dawn of the rising sun; the Lord is my salvation.

Refrain:

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the vict'ry won; the Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flow'rs each promise of His Word. When winter fades I know spring will come; the Lord is my salvation. In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak. I know His grace will renew these days; the Lord is my salvation. Refrain

And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave. But I will rise, He will call me home; the Lord is my salvation. Refrain

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside something..."

Deacon Nominee Testimony

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

We'll Join the Everlasting Song! Offertory

Stephens Valley Church Choir

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all! Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all! Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all! O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music by its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Come join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all!

"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

Pastor Jim Bachmann

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Three Important Questions

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread

Be Still My Soul

Sibelius

Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* Hymn Be Still My Soul **FINLANDIA**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In every change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul: your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

^{*} Prayer of Adoration

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* Benediction

* Postlude Though Troubles Assail Us Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We ask you to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask.

Communion: Please note that a gluten-free option for communion is available at both entrances to the fellowship hall.

Share our YouTube: One of the best ways to promote our church is by sharing the link to our YouTube channel. Look for the word "share" at the bottom of any video and you can cut and paste the link.

COVID Relief Fund: The Council has established a COVID relief fund to aid those who have been adversely affected by the COVID virus. If you wish to make a donation, simply note "COVID relief" on the memo line of your check

Coffee Help Needed: Volunteers are needed to help set up and serve coffee on Sundays from 8:15-9:30 a.m. and to help with clean up after the worship service. Serve one time per month. To sign up, please contact Joan Guthrey (joanguthrey@yahoo.com).

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us Wednesday evening for our series called "Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time." This week, Pastor Heath Cross will discuss Socialism and Cultural Marxism. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. This week's menu is oven-fried chicken breast, mac & cheese, broccoli with lemon butter, baked apples, yeast rolls, and Mississippi Mud cake. Reservations for dinner and childcare (ages 0-3) must be submitted through the church website by today. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/ family.

SVC Youth: All SVC middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite their friends on Wednesday nights now through October 14 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for dinner and a fun time of games, fellowship, and discovering what God's Word has to say about today's hot topics in student culture. For more information, contact Troy Hargrave (thargrave19@gmail.com).

- THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR -

Today, 9:00 a.m. Officers' Prayer Time Today, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages Today, 10:40 a.m.

Worship service

Today, 5:00 p.m. DivorceCare (online via Zoom) Monday, 9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Search Career Group

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café)

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Prayer Time (Room 201A) Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. GriefShare (online via Zoom) Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. SVC Youth Gathering Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

SVC Prayer: A prayer time will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201A to pray for Stephens Valley Church and the country.

SVC Men's Bible Study: The men's Bible study on the Sermon on the Mount continues this Friday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Craig Valentine (craigv@entrust4.org).

SVC Women's Bible Study: The Tuesday morning Bible study continues through November 17 and again on January 19 through March 30. All women are invited and encouraged to attend from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Childcare is available up to age

SVC Women Schedule Changes: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, the Widows' Luncheon for October has been canceled. The SVC Women's conference with Nancy Hicks has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Christmas breakfast is now scheduled for Thursday, December 10.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for October–December are available in the lobby. They are free, postage paid and in large print!

 $Stephens \ Valley \ Church \ (SVC) \ cleans \ regularly \ with products \ designed \ specifically \ to \ neutralize \ COVID-19, including \ weekly \ neg \ regularly \ neutralize \ COVID-19, including \ neutralize \ neutraliz$ cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Despite these efforts, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place or meeting where people are present as well as other inherent risks and dangers associated with public meetings. By your presence at SVC, you knowingly and voluntarily, accept, and assume responsibility for, each of these risks and dangers, including but not limited to COVID-19, and all other risks and dangers that could arise out of, or occur during, your use of the facilities at Stephens Valley Church.



Biblical, Reformed, Independent

Three Important Questions

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