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"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God, that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled..."

		-Hebrews 12:15
March 29, 2020	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10:40 a.m.

"Praise is due to You, O God in Zion"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn

Sing Praise to the Lord! LAUDATE DOMINUM

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him in the height; Rejoice in His word, You angels of light. You heavens, adore Him by Whom You were made; And worship before Him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise Him on the earth; In tuneful accord, You saints of new birth. Praise Him who has brought You His grace from above; Praise Him who has taught you to sing of His love.

Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound; Each jubilant chord, re-echo around. Loud organs, His glory tell forth in deep tone; And trumpets, the story of what He has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song; To Him be outpoured all ages along. For love in creation, for heaven restored, For grace of salvation sing praise to the Lord.

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.

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Heath Cross

"Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand"

Old Testament Reading This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Genesis 4:19-24

General Prayer of Confession Gracious God our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Too often we have denied our wickedness, minimized our sinfulness, and forgotten Your lovingkindness. Pour out Your mercy upon us we pray. Cleanse us from our unrighteousness and renew a right spirit within us. As you have forgiven us in the past, please do so again now. In turn, may Your Spirit grant us grace to forgive others who have sinned against us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Silent Prayers of Confession Prayer of Intercession 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Hymn

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly"

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Solo

Be Still, My Soul Mr. Travis Lamb, solo arr. German

Tornado Relief: We are continuing to raise funds in order to provide financial assistance for those SVC families affected by the tornado. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000. Our shepherd elders will oversee the distribution of these funds in conjunction with our deacons who serve on the Benevolence Committee. We ask that this donation be above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings. If you write a check, please be sure to put "Tornado Relief" in the memo line. You can mail the check to the church (6000 Pasquo Road, Nashville, TN 37221) or you can make a donation online through the church website.



Prayer of Dedication

"For the word of God is living and active"

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:21–35 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.

Glorious Pity

Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

Sermon

Hymn

Benediction

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

GERMANY

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness, my beauty are, my glorious dress; 'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day; for who aught to my charge shall lay? Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me-For me a full atonement made, an everlasting ransom paid.

O let the dead now hear Thy voice; now bid Thy banished ones rejoice; Their beauty this, their glorious dress, Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Greetings: We welcome each of you to our time of virtual worship this morning! Remember that although our church office is closed indefinitely, we are monitoring the phones and email. Please let us know if you need any assistance. All events at the church have been canceled until further notice.

Facebook and YouTube: During this time of "social distancing," it would be easy to become isolated. The church has created two social media platforms for video streaming and live interaction. You can watch our live streams on Facebook (SVCNashville) or on our YouTube channel called Stephens Valley Church Nashville. We will give live updates and regular devotionals on our Facebook page so be sure to subscribe and share with others.

Membership: Beginning Sunday, April 5, Pastor Jim will host *Starting Point*, a class designed for visitors who wish to inquire about church membership. The class will meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the church office suite.

Should We Baptize Babies and Is Christ Present in the Lord's Supper? Are you curious about our church's view of the sacraments? Do you have questions about baptism and the Lord's Supper? For the month of April, Pastor Heath Cross will teach a Sunday School class on this topic. Join him at 9:30 a.m. in the Solid Rock Cafe for a biblical introduction to the sacraments.

<u>GriefShare and DivorceCare:</u> Both courses now offer online teaching and group discussions. For more information, please contact Jan Evett (svccare@ stephensvalleychurch.com).

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