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“Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”
– James 5:16

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

10:40 a.m.

God Calls Us to Worship		
Welcome		
Prelude	Come, Ye Disconsolate Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Carlson
Call to Worship		
* Responsive Reading	Matthew 18:28-29, 7:7	
Come unto Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.		
Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me,		
For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.		
Ask, and it will be given to you;		
Seek, and you will find;		
Knock, and it will be opened to you.		
* Hymn	All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!	DIADEM
All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall,		
Let angels prostrate fall;		
Bring forth the royal diadem,		
<i>Refrain:</i>		
And crown Him,		
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,		
And crown Him Lord of all.		
Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,		
On this terrestrial ball,		
To Him all majesty ascribe,		
* 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.		
* Congregational Response	DIADEM	
O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall,		
We at His feet may fall!		
We’ll join the everlasting song,		
And crown Him,		
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,		
And crown Him Lord of all.		

* Prayer of Adoration

God Calls Us to Confess Our Sin		
Psalter Lesson	Psalm 34:15–22	
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
General Prayer of Confession		
Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.		
Silent Prayers of Confession		
Assurance of Forgiveness		Dr. King Counts
* Hymn	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	WHAT A FRIEND
What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry ev’rything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer.		
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.		
Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.		
God Calls Us to Give and Serve		
God’s Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Stephens Valley Church Choir	arr. Wilberg
My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name; in pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake His ways, and heals me for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; one word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.		
* Presentation of Gifts	HAMBURG	
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. (Children ages 4–6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 131.)		
* Prayer of Dedication		

God Calls Us to Study His Word		
Prayer for Illumination		
New Testament Lesson	Luke 18:1–8 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.	
Sermon	Why You Should Keep Praying	Pastor Heath Cross
Prayer of Supplication		

God Calls Us to His Table		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Behold the Lamb of God	Getty/Townend
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.		
The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.		
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.		
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.		

Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	Arise, My Soul, Arise	LENOX
Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding Sacrifice in 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 ev’ry race, His blood atoned for ev’ry race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.		
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, “Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”		

**My God is reconciled, His pard’ning 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.**

* Benediction

* Postlude

Jesus, Still Lead On
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Manz

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: Welcome to our time of worship this morning! We are so glad you have joined us and trust you will find our time of worship meaningful and glorifying to the Lord.

SVC Women’s Bible studies: Our weekly Bible studies continue meeting at the church this Tuesday **at the new time of 10:00 a.m.** Small group studies will take place from 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. followed by a 15-minute fellowship break. Pastor Heath will conclude the study with a 30-minute lesson from 11:00–11:30 a.m.

“Marks of an Effective Church”: Join us as we welcome Alistair Begg March 28-29! Please note the tentative schedule:

Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.–Service with refreshments to follow

Sunday, March 29, 9:30 a.m.–Combined adult Sunday School classes

10:40 a.m.–Worship service

6:30 p.m.–Service with special music by Michael O’Brien; reception to follow

DivorceCare/GriefShare: Our next session of DivorceCare will meet on Sundays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Rutherford Room beginning Sunday, March 29 and continuing through June 28 (with the exception of Easter.) Our next session of GriefShare will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Rutherford Room beginning April 1 and continuing through June 24. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jan Evett (svccare@stephensvalleychurch.com).

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.

SVC Women’s Conference: All women are invited and encouraged to attend a day of fellowship and teaching from Nancy Hicks on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$15/person and includes lunch. Childcare is provided up to 5 years old; please bring a nut-free lunch for your child. Register on the church website.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Operating Budget	Budget	Actual	Over/(Under) Budget
Year to Date Income (July-Jan)	\$838,962	865,344	\$26,382
Year to Date Expenses (July-Jan)	\$741,521	\$674,568	(\$66,953)

– THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR –

Today, 9:30 a.m.
Today, 10:40 a.m.
Today, 12 noon
Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School for all ages
Worship service
Council Meeting
Sabbatical Search Career Group (Panera Bread at Green Hills Mall)
SVC Women Bible Studies
Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Choir rehearsal

SVC COUNCIL

Pastor Jim Bachmann, Moderator
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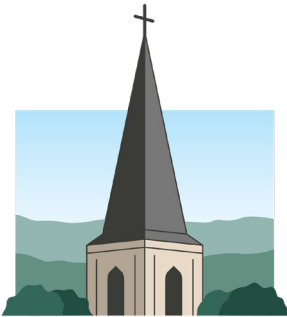
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