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“Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?”

– Romans 9:21

April 19, 2020

Morning Worship

10:40 a.m.

"Blessed be the Lord, my rock"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

And Can It Be

SAGINA

And can it be that I should gain an int’rest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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He left His Father’s throne above (so free, so infinite His grace!),
Humbled Himself (so great His love!), and bled for all His chosen race.
’Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature’s night;
Thine eye diffused a quick’ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th’ eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ,
my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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

"Let the wicked forsake his way"

Old Testament Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

1 Samuel 2:1–10

General Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You kill and You bring to life; You make poor and You make rich; You bring low and You exalt. We come before You as lowly sinners acknowledging that we are always at Your mercy. Please forgive us of our many sins. Please pardon our arrogance and complacency. Please raise us from the pit and grant us a seat of honor at our King's salvation feast, through the merit, mediation, and atoning blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Heath Cross

Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain:
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse"

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Rodgers/Wyse

Mrs. Mica Copeland, solo, and Mr. David German, piano

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend. Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men. You are the one that we praise, You are the one we adore, You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for. Oh, our hearts always hunger for. Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we’ve hopelessly lost the way. Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne. Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet"

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1–16

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

Gracious Sovereignty

Pastor Jim Bachmann

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.

Hymn

O Father You Are Sovereign

ST. THEODULPH

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, the Lord of human pain;
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav’nly gain.
All evil overruling, as none but Conqu’ror could;
Your love pursues its purpose – our souls’ eternal good.

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.

Benediction

– 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.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Karen Gordon due to the recent loss of her mother and to Joyce Davis in the recent passing of her son.

Thank You: "We want to thank everyone who has expressed sympathy and prayed for us during the recent loss of Amber's grandmother. The calls, texts, emails, and cards are appreciated. We are very grateful for our church family." — The Crosses

Church Mail: We now have a mailbox on the church property! If you have been sending correspondence to our P.O. Box, please redirect it to our church address: 6000 Pasquo Road, Nashville, TN 37221. Thank you!



Donations Needed: SVC Women's Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Women's and Children's clothing sale on Saturday, August 8, 2020. This sale will be located at the church and will serve the following purposes: 1) fellowship! The women of Stephens Valley Church will have first choice and a special shopping time! 2) Outreach. We will then open the sale up to the women of the community. 3) Mission. All clothes not sold will be donated to charity. 4) Fundraising. All monies made will go back to Stephens Valley Church. We have some great commitments so far but we need more clothing donations! We are in need of good condition women's clothing (all ages and sizes) and children's clothing (boys and girls). Your donation is tax deductible! While we're all practicing a "safer at home" lifestyle and you get the spring cleaning bug, please consider donating to the sale! For more information, please contact Rebecca Moore (rnm51007@gmail.com).

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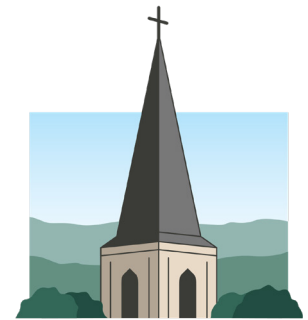
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