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“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”
– Matthew 13:45–46

April 26, 2020

Morning Worship

10:40 a.m.

"Shout for joy to God, all the earth"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav’n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

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

"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper"

New Testament Reading

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

Hebrews 3:12–19

General Prayer of Confession

Gracious God our Father, once again we need Your mercy. We are sorry for the many times we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We regret that we have offended Your holiness and injured our fellow man. Pardon our iniquity, we pray, and cleanse us of our unrighteousness. May Your Spirit remove our hard hearts and make us kind and tender-hearted, strong in faith, hungry for righteousness, and gracious toward each other, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Pastor Heath Cross

Hymn

As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams

AS THE HART LONGS

As the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for Thee, O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God; when shall I come to see Thy face?

My tears have fed me day and night while men have said, "Where is Your God?"
But I recall as my soul pours dry the days of praise within Thy house.

Why do I mourn and toil within when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to Him; He is my help, He is my God.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce"

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

Trust and Obey/Trusting Is Believing

Towner/Price

Mrs. Deena Russell, solo, and Mr. Dan Russell, piano

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. Trusting is believing that God will keep His Word; trusting is believing your every prayer is heard. Trusting is letting God know that you're depending on Him; it's feeling His forgiveness within. Trusting is believing that God could care for you; trusting is believing just as a child would do. It's like giving your hand to Jesus and knowing He won't let go. I'll trust Him because He loves me so.

"Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him"

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:1–14

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

Unbelievable Unbelief

Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

Hymn

All For Jesus!

WYCLIFF

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my being’s ransomed pow’rs.
All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding, let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only, let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty, cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure; only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, I’ve lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit’s vision, looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! How amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings.

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. We look forward to re-opening our doors soon!

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Edna Pearson in the recent passing of her sister, Maryanne.

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!

Devotionals: Be sure to look for Pastor Heath's video devotionals each week. You can find them on Facebook and YouTube.



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).



Financial Update: Financial position through March (July-March) 2020. Income was lower than budgeted and expenses were higher than budgeted so when comparing the actuals, we have a shortfall for March of \$57,715.

Key highlights:

- March Income: \$112,215 vs. budget \$125,830, **\$13,614 below budget.**
- March Expense: \$169,933 vs. budget \$161,214, **\$8,719 over budget** (overrun is primarily associated with the move to Pasquo Road).
- Income Year To Date: \$1,068,253 vs. budget of \$1,097,376. FYTD income shortfall is \$29,123.
- Expenses Year To Date: \$974,773 vs. budget of \$1,028,163. Result is the timing of many expenses (e.g., interest on our loan, missions, not being in the new building, and so on).
- Surplus Year To Date: \$93,480 vs. \$69,213 budgeted. (Timing of expenses, see above).

As a reminder, the church's fiscal year is July through June (7/1-6/30). While the shortfall is not overwhelming at this point, it is important to remember that, based on the period reported (July 29-March 2020) there are only 3 months left in the fiscal year, and April is almost gone. While our year to date deficit of \$29,123 is not overwhelming, the weak March giving is concerning particularly if the trend continues for the next several months. We need to finish strong as we begin our life in our new facility. If you have any questions, please contact your Shepherding Elder.

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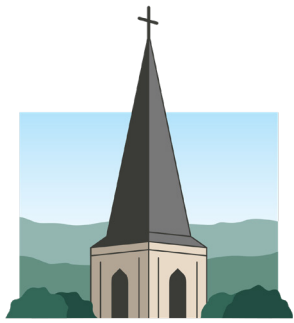
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