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"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive
forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."
— Revelation 1:17-18

April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday	10:40 a.m.
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"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will
stand upon the earth!"

Prelude	The Strife is O'er Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	Held
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Welcome

* Responsive Praise
The LORD is risen!
The LORD is risen indeed!
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom
and strength and honor and glory and blessing.
**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and
power and might be to our God forever and ever!**
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His
Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.
**To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
and glory and might forever and ever!**

* Hymn	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	EASTER HYMN
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Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell; Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Adoration

Anthem	At the Name of Jesus Stephens Valley Church Choir Mr. Jerry Jennings, soloist	Williams
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At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him King
of glory now; ‘tis the Father’s pleasure we should call Him Lord, Who from the
beginning was the mighty Word. At His voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon
their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array. Humbled for a season, to
receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom He came. Faithfully He bore
it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death He passed.
Name Him, brothers, name Him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and
wonder, and with bated breath; He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord, ever
to be worshiped, trusted, and adored. In your hearts enthrone Him; there let
Him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: crown Him as your captain
in temptation’s hour; let His will enfold you in its light and power. Brothers, this
Lord Jesus shall return again, with His Father’s glory, with His angel train; for all
wreaths of empire meet upon His brow, and our hearts confess Him King of
glory now. Amen.

"You killed the Author of Life but God raised Him
from the dead."

New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 1:3-5
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession
**Our gracious Heavenly Father, we are unworthy of Your great salvation.
Far too often we have forgotten the glad tidings of Your victory over
death and ignored the things that would bring us peace. Forgive us of
our folly and pride. Cleanse us of impure thoughts and motives. Redeem
us through Your precious blood that we may hereafter live worthy of
Your redeeming grace and delight in Your everlasting love, through
Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness	Pastor Heath Cross
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* Hymn	The Power of the Cross	Getty/Townend
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**Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.
This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker
bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.
This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering
I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.
This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a life! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

"He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering
by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and
speaking about the kingdom of God."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings		
Anthem	The Day of Resurrection Stephens Valley Church Choir	arr. Love

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the Passover of gladness, the
Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free, our Christ
has brought us over, with hymns of victory. Let hearts be purged of evil, that we
may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and list’ning to His
accents, may hear, so calm and plain, “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor
strain. Alleluia! Now let the heav’ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin! The round
world keep high triumph and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.
Alleluia!

* Presentation of Gifts	DUKE STREET
Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen!	

* Prayer of Dedication

"He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will
wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of
His people He will take away from all the earth, for the
Lord has spoken."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Mark 16:1-8
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	How to Move a Large Stone	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

"As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; when I
awake, I shall be satisfied with Your likeness."

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	Like A River Glorious	arr. Bennett & Barry Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

Glory be to You, Father Almighty, who raised Your Son from the dead and made us partakers of His victory over sin and death.

Glory be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, who for us and for our salvation has defeated death and opened the gate of everlasting life.

Glory be to You, Holy Spirit, who has led us into all truth as it is in the risen Christ.

Blessed be You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has brought life and immortality to light through Your gospel, and blessed be Your glorious name forever and ever. Amen!

**Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**See the tomb where death had laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

**Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered,
Christ the Lord, the risen King!**

**We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,
Worship Christ, the risen King!**

* Postlude Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Bach
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Stephens Valley Church Brass

Trumpet: Davis Ginn, Judson Gay
French Horn: Antonina Forzese
Trombone: Nathan Mohnke
Tuba: Paul Carpenter
Timpani: Christine Comer

Welcome: We warmly welcome everyone to our service this morning and wish you a blessed day of resurrection! In particular we welcome our visitors and thank you for joining us as we offer praise to our risen Savior. Our pastors will be happy to meet you in the lobby after the service and answer any questions you may have.

Starting Point: All visitors are invited and encouraged to attend our six-week cycle of classes hosted by Pastor Jim. The new cycle will begin next Sunday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference area of the office suite. Greeters will be happy to direct you when you arrive.

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
Monday	Church office closed
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Monday, 2:30 p.m.	SVC Missions meeting
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible study (Café)

COVID protocol: Please be advised that the Rutherford Room is a “mask required” room. Worshipers who prefer to sit in the Rutherford Room or the Solid Rock Café will not pass offering plates, attendance pads, or communion trays. The plates and pads will be available in the room and communion will be served by an usher. If you need assistance or directions, please speak to one of our ushers.

The Council has called a corporation meeting for next Sunday, April 11, immediately following the worship service to amend Article IV, Section 3 of our by-laws in the following manner: "The terms of the members of the Council shall be staggered. There shall be three (3) relatively equal classes serving three (3) years each. The classes will be ordered in such a way that one third of the Council membership completes a term of service each year. *Elders in their first year of service are not eligible to serve on the Council.* Following a completed term of service on the Council the members of that class will ~~take a one (1) year sabbatical.~~ During the sabbatical year the Elder will be in reserve and will not be required to attend Council meetings although he may attend Council meetings and be heard regarding any item of business or discussion, but he is not eligible to vote. He may, however, continue service on Council committees *while in reserve during his sabbatical year* as may be mutually agreed upon between the Elder and the Council." Please speak to one of our pastors or your shepherding elder if you have any questions.

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
March 28 General Fund Offering	\$14,267
Total March General Fund Offering	\$213,640
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$40,456
March 28 Building Fund received	\$3,810
March Building Fund received	\$123,230
March In-person Visitors	43
March Average Live Stream Viewers	259

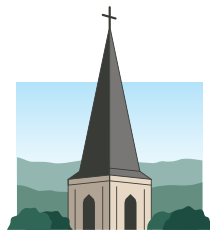
Stephens Valley Church (SVC) cleans regularly with products designed specifically to neutralize COVID-19, including weekly cleaning of all public spaces used during worship, and more frequent cleaning of common areas used intermittently during the week. In addition, SVC conducts temperature checks upon entry, provides hand sanitizer and masks, and encourages social distancing, handwashing, and other means of personal protection. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. Davidson County lists an exception to its mandatory mask requirements when attending a worship service by referring to Governor Lee's voluntary guidelines. Based on the Governor's recommendation to wear a face covering, we recommend wearing a mask as well, but this is a recommendation for voluntary compliance, which is a decision to be made by each individual. 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.



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