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"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all..."

– 1 Timothy 2:5-6

May 2, 2021

Morning Worship

10:40 a.m.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Prelude

Praise, My Soul

Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Miller

Welcome

Call to Worship

* Responsive Praise

from Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created.

And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

His majesty is above earth and heaven.

* Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Adoration

"I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior."

New Testament Lesson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Heavenly Father, who desires that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, please save us from our sins. We are sorry that we have violated Your law and grieved Your Spirit. We regret the times we have ignored Your word and done what is right in our own eyes. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; cleanse us of our iniquity and purify us from all our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and 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

Before the Throne of God Above

Bancroft/Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest Whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb. My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

"You shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their
glory you shall boast."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem	O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort	Franck
Stephens Valley Church Choir		
O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine, my heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in Thee. Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, True God, true Man, My Morning Star! O come Thou precious Sun most radiant, Thy beams illuminate my heart and soul. O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind. In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine. My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.		
* Presentation of Gifts	LAUDA ANIMA	
Vow and pay unto Jehovah, Him your God forever own; All men, bring your gifts before Him, worship Him, and Him alone; Mighty kings obey and fear Him, princes bow before His throne.		
* Prayer of Dedication		
"Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food."		
Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Lesson	Esther 4:1-17	
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	"If I Perish, I Perish"	Pastor Jim Bachmann
Prayer of Supplication		
"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat!"		
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper		
Words of Institution		
Breaking the Bread	My Jesus, I Love Thee Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. DeCou
Sharing the Cup		
* Hymn	My Jesus, I Love Thee	CARITAS
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.		
I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.		

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

* Postlude	All Creatures of our God and King Ms. Lisa Barry, organ	arr. Bednall
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– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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.

SVC Women's Bible study of Philippians begins this Tuesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. Childcare is available with an online reservation.

SVC Men's Bible Study: SVC Men's Bible study resumes this Friday, May 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. We will be studying Colossians and focusing on the supremacy of Christ using Kent Hughes' book. All men are welcome to attend. You may purchase a book for \$20 in the lobby today. For more information, please contact Craig Valentine.

Congratulations to Dick and Jane Baxter who are being honored May 11 by the Nami TN (National Alliance on Mental Illness) organization for their continued work in mental health over many years!

Summer Bible School: Mark your calendars now for our summer Bible school on Wednesday evenings, June 16, 23, 30, and July 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Mr. Danny Hale will lead our adult studies. We will have Bible studies and other activities for children and youth, including dinner for all. More details to follow.

Mediterranean Study Cruise: Ligonier Ministries is sponsoring a study cruise of Greece, Turkey, Israel, and Cyprus aboard the Celebrity Apex October 17-29, 2022. Speakers include Steven Lawson, Robert Godfrey, and Burk Parsons. For further information, visit the Ligonier's website or contact the church office.

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, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Bible Study (Café)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	SVC Women's Prayer Shawl meeting (Rutherford Room)
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
April 25 General Fund Offering	\$19,288
Total April General Fund Offering	\$141,173
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$34,582
April 25 Building Fund received	\$15,710
April Building Fund received	\$110,450
April In-Person Visitors	146
April Average Live Stream Viewers	230

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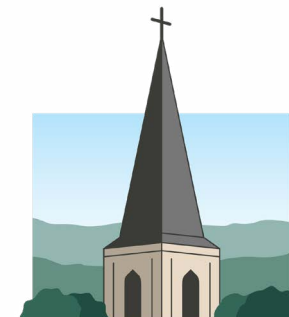
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