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"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

– John 14:16-17

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

10:40 a.m.

"And it will come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."

Prelude

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Callahan

Welcome

* Hymn

Call to Worship

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

"And when He comes He will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment."

New Testament Lesson

Romans 8:12-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our God and Father, You call us to put to death the deeds of our sinful nature. You have given us Your Spirit as our Comforter and Helper in this battle. Yet so often, instead of fighting our sinful nature, we feed it. Instead of putting it to death, we allow it to dominate or deny its existence. We repent of our self-reliance. We repent of grieving Your Spirit. We ask that You forgive us, refresh us, and grant us the power of the Spirit for new obedience. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

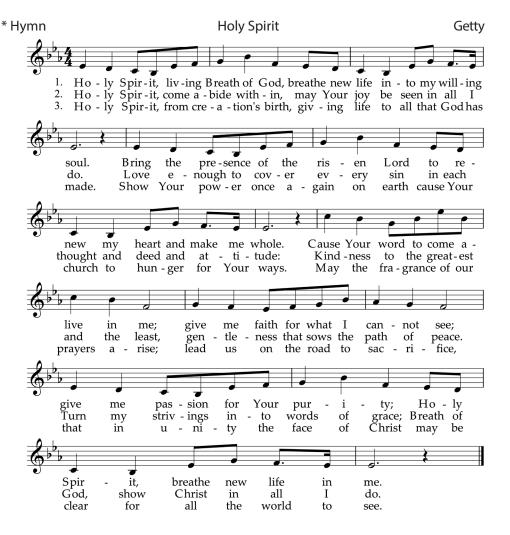
Prayer of Intercession

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 Jim Bachmann



"You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Stephens Valley Church Choir
Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is more wonderfully kind. But we make His love too narrow by false limits of

our own; and we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

* 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.

* Prayer of Dedication

"My speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Esther 7

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

The Whole World in His Hands

Pastor Heath Cross

Prayer of Supplication

"To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread

Spirit of God Medley Mr. David German, piano

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn

O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us SPIRITUS VITAE

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us, Revive Your church with life and pow'r O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, And fit Your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, Till humbly we confess our need; Then in Your tenderness remake us, Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us, Renewing thought and will and heart;

^{*} Prayer of Adoration

Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, Revive Your church in every part.

O Heart of Christ, once broken for us, 'Tis there we find our strength and rest; Our broken, contrite hearts now solace, And let Your waiting church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Your church to spread the light.

* Postlude Come, Holy Spirit Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Welcome: We are delighted to welcome everyone this morning. If you are visiting with us, please stop by and introduce yourself to the pastors who will be in the lobby after the service.

SVC Women's Bible study of Philippians concludes this Tuesday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Solid Rock Café. Childcare is available with an online registration. Our next study, *Seeing Jesus in Genesis*, begins on next Tuesday, June 1. Registration is available online and in the lobby today.



Summer Bible School: Mark your calendars now for our summer Bible school on Wednesday evenings, June 16, 23, 30, and July 7 from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Mr. Danny Hale will teach on "The Word of God: A Matter of Life and Death." A potluck dinner, nursery and activities for the children will be available. More details to follow.

Sunday, July 4: Plan now to be with us for a special service Sunday morning, July 4, as we worship our Lord and ask His blessing on our nation. We will enjoy inspiring music including brass and timpani as well as a military testimony. Invite your friends to be with us!

Parent's Day Out: This fall we intend to open our doors to preschoolers, ages 1-4, for a two day per week ministry, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Anita Murphy, SVC Director of Preschool Ministry.

- THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR -

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

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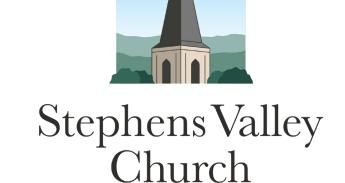
Monday, 9:00 a.m. Sabbatical Search Career Group Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. SVC Women's Bible Study (Café)

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (St. Paul Chapel, first floor)

Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
May 16 General Fund Offering	\$15,792
Total May General Fund Offering	\$71,770
Current 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$68,025
May 16 Building Fund received	\$3,710
May Building Fund received	\$17,310



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