ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

"He deprives of speech those who are trusted and takes away the discernment of the elders."

- Job 12:20

July 4, 2021 Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.

"We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom alone men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven...and from the rising to the setting sun, may His kingdom come."

— Samuel Adams, July 2, 1776

Welcome

Prelude Trumpet Processional in G
Brass Choir & Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

German

Call to Worship

* Hymn God of Our Fathers NATIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy Word our law, Thy path our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our eversure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to neverending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

"I am a most unworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence." — Christopher Columbus

Choral Praise From Sea to Shining Sea Ward
Stephens Valley Church Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress, a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

New Testament Lesson
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our great, eternal, and sovereign God, with whom are strength, wisdom, power, and glory, we acknowledge our need for Your mercy and grace. Forgive us individually, corporately, and nationally for things we have said and done contrary to Your will. Pardon our many sins; cleanse us of our impurity; renew a right spirit within us, and lead us in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

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.

Service Testimony

Sergeant Justin Scherrer, U.S. Army

"Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray...at sunup, at noonday, at midnight, all through the day. Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes...our churches...for ourselves...our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love...

Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice."

— General Robert E. Lee

Prayer for the Nation

Elder Dick Speece

* Hymn

Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer

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Acts 20:22-29

Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at Your feet we fall, And humbly, with united cry, to You for mercy call.

When dangers, like a stormy sea, beset our country round, To You we looked, to You we cried, and help in You was found.

With one consent we meekly bow beneath Your chast'ning hand, And, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourning land.

With pitying eye behold our need, as thus we lift our prayer; Correct us with Your judgments, Lord, then let Your mercy spare.

"I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had this, and I had not given one shilling, they would be rich; but if they had not that, and I have given them all the world, they would be poor." — Patrick Henry

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Anthem

Lord, Have Mercy arr. Rouse & Kirkland

Stephens Valley Church Choir Mr. Travis Lamb, soloist In peace we have come to pray and to seek the Lord today, for salvation from His hand, for the healing of our land. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy, for we have placed all our hopes in Thee. For our sin, we repent, O Lord. We believe Your holy Word. Have mercy, Lord, we pray, and take all our sins away. Kyrie, Christe. If You would mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? Mercy, like a fountain, flows from Your hand!

- * Presentation of Gifts THE OLD HUNDRETH

 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;

 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- * Prayer of Dedication

"The first and almost the only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible."

— John Quincy Adams

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 22:23-31

Pastor Jim Bachmann

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

"I Sought for a Man"

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

Prayer of Supplication

Sermon

"Let us look forward to the time when we can take the flag of our country and nail it below the cross, and there let it wave as it waved in the olden times, and let us gather it and inscribe for our motto, 'Liberty and Union, one and inseparable, now and forever,' and exclaim: 'Christ first, our country next." – Andrew Johnson

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread Amazing Grace
Ms. Angie Thomas, soloist, & Brass Choir

arr. German

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn The Church's One Foundation

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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.

^{*} Prayer of Adoration

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And great the church victorious shall be the church at rest.

* Benediction

* Postlude Fanfare for the Common Man Ms. Lisa Barry, organ Copland

*congregation standing

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Welcome: We are glad to have each of you with us today as we ask God's blessing on our nation. If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you here! We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the widening of Pasquo Road. The new three-lane road is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021.



Summer Bible School: Join us for our final Bible School this Wednesday evening, July 7 from 5:15–6:30 p.m. Mr. Danny Hale will conclude his study of "The Word of God: A Matter of Life and Death." We also have Bible studies and other activities for children and youth, including dinner for all. Please make your reservations for dinner by clicking on the link at stephensvalleychurch.com. The church provides the main entrée and drinks, and you are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

Starting Point Class: Pastor Jim will host a new class Sundays, July 11–August 15 from 9:30–10:15 a.m. in the office suite conference area. All visitors are invited and welcome to attend.

SVC Parent's Day Out: Sign up now for SVC Parent's Day Out! Contact Anita Murphy, SVC Director of Preschool Ministry, anitam@stephensvalleychurch.com.

<u>Catfish and Calvinism</u>: We will kick off our fall Wednesday night fellowship gatherings August 18 with an enjoyable evening of catfish, slaw, and hush puppies. There will be activities for children and youth, and nursery will be available as well. Pastor Heath will lead our adult study in the fellowship hall. Details to follow.

Our Daily Bread: Devotional booklets for July through September are available in the lobby. They are free and in large print.

<u>Officer Nomination Forms</u> are available at the Information Desk if you wish to nominate a prospective elder or deacon.

Choir: Now is a great time to sign up for our Chancel Choir. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. We look forward to singing great anthems of the church both old and new and, of course, our annual Christmas Concert with Orchestra on December 12. E-mail David German at davidg@stephensvalleychurch.com for more information or to reserve yourself a spot.

- 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 Monday Church office closed

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

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

Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. Summer Bible School Friday, 9:00 a.m. SVC Men's Bible Study (Café)

Financial Update

Weekly Offering Needed	\$35,164
June 27 General Fund Offering	\$21,338
Total June General Fund Offering	\$149,822
To Date 2021 General Fund Deficit	\$80,292
June 27 Building Fund received	\$110
June Building Fund received	\$25,415

Brass Choir

Trumpets: Joel Treybig, Preston Bailey, Jacob Haymans French Horns: Beth Beeson, Angela Deboer Trombones: Lee Blakeman, Bryan Heath Tuba: Paul Carpenter Tympani: Christopher Norton

Allen's Smokehouse Menu

Brisket Sandwich | \$12

Mouthwatering brisket smoked to perfection. This has been described by our patrons as "the best brisket in town." Served with side item of your choice.

Pulled Pork Sandwich | \$10

The best tasting pulled pork ever. Top it with our spicy slaw for a taste that will have you regretting the last bite. Served with side item of your choice.

Pulled Chicken Sandwich | \$10

Try our smoked chicken on for size. The spicy slaw complements it well. Add cheddar cheese for \$1 more. Served with side item of your choice.

Smokehouse Fries | \$10

This is one of our best sellers. We take a bed of fries and top it with cheddar cheese and the meat of your choice (Brisket is \$2 more). You can then add jalapenos, pickles and/or slaw.

Vegan BBQ Sandwich | \$10

Vegan friendly sandwich that you don't have to be vegan to love. It simply tastes GREAT! Served with side item of your choice.

Smoked Wings | \$10

3 whole wings hickory smoked to pefection. Served with side item of your choice. Smoked Dog | \$8

1/4 pound all beef hot dog smoked to perfection. We can top it with your choice of jalapenos, slaw and pickles. Served with side item of your choice.

Smoked Beans | \$3

Slow smoked beans. That's right! Slow smoked beans featuring our pulled pork and special sauce. It's a meal all on its own.

Spicy Slaw | \$3

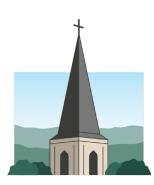
In case you just can't get enough of that slaw

Crinkle Cut Fries | \$3

Sodas

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Orange, Bottled Water | \$2 Sweet Tea, Lemonade | \$3

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