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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
– Isaiah 41:10

August 16, 2020 | Morning Worship | 10:40 a.m.

"I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory."

Prelude — He Leadeth Me — DeCou
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship — from Psalm 66

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
Come and see what God has done;
He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.
Bless our God, O peoples;
Let the sound of His praise be heard!

* Hymn — All Creatures of Our God and King — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

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!

* Affirmation of Faith — The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
A. **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a single hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

* Congregational Response — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

He shall return in pow'r to reign, heaven and earth will join to sing,
"O praise Him! Alleluia!"
Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King!
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Adoration — Pastor Heath Cross

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 6:25–34
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession
Our gracious God and Father, we ask Your forgiveness of our many sins. Far too often we have forgotten Your loving care, trusted our own abilities, and done what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us for our fear. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Forgive us for our anxiety. Increase our faith, O Lord, and grant us grace to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

* Hymn — The King of Love My Shepherd Is — ST. COLUMBA

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer, another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory — Holy Ground — Davis
Ms. Jan Evett, soloist

When I walked through the doors, I sensed His presence and I knew this was the place where love abounds, for this is a temple, Jehovah, God abides here, and we are standing in His presence on holy ground. We are standing on holy ground and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground. In His presence there is joy beyond measure and at His feet peace of mind can still be found; and if you have a need, I know He has the answer; reach out and claim it, for you are standing on holy ground.

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson — Psalm 23
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 Pearl of the Psalms — Pastor Jim Bachmann

Prayer of Supplication

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread — The King of Love My Shepherd Is — Hobby
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn — Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us — BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor; early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

* Benediction

* Postlude — All Creatures of Our God and King — Bednall
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! We continue to observe the recommended social distancing guidelines and encourage everyone to wear a mask as a way of loving your neighbor. If we exceed our capacity in the fellowship hall, some people may be asked to move to the overflow room in the café. Elders will be the first to move. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Stewart Bachmann in the recent loss of his brother, and to Yvette Howard in the recent loss of her sister.

Many thanks to Rebecca Moore and her committee for the hard work that went into the clothing sale last weekend. Not only did they collect more than $3800 for our missions budget, but they also helped to introduce SVC to our community. The leftover clothing was first made available to those who are on a tight budget and then was donated to ThriftSmart which in turn provides for many other charities.

Friends and Family class begins to study a new book today: "The Beatitudes: Developing Spiritual Character" by John Stott. The class will be taught by Bill Kenny, Mike Miller and Keith Day both in person and on Zoom.

Bottled Water: The Nashville Rescue Mission is once again requesting donations of bottled water for the homeless and Aldi has agreed to help us meet the need. Bring your check or cash donation to the table in the lobby on Sundays or mail a check to the church. Make your check to CASH or Stephens Valley Church with "bottled water donation" in the memo line. For more information, contact Prudy Nichol (prudynichol@gmail.com).

SVC Women's Bible Study: Registration for the women's Bible study begins next Sunday, August 23. We will be studying the book of Romans using John Stott's book entitled "Romans: Encountering the Gospel's Power" beginning Tuesday, September 15 through November 17 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Romans is vitally necessary for the spiritual health and insight of the Christian. Stott states, "Romans is a kind of Christian manifesto of freedom through Jesus Christ." After our small groups meet to go over the lesson, all groups will meet together and Pastor Heath Cross will teach us. Come join us for this exciting study at the church and also enjoy the fellowship of other women. We will be social distancing, encouraging the wearing of masks, and taking temperatures upon entering the church.

SVC Flower Guild: SVC now has a Flower Guild to oversee the placing of flowers for the worship service. If you wish to donate money to the Flower Guild, please indicate it in the memo line in your check. You may also choose to donate online. Be sure to select the Flower Guild fund. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Jerolyn Smith (jerolynrsmith@gmail.com).

Wednesday nights: Mark your calendars for the launch of our Wednesday night teaching series beginning August 26 through October 14. More information coming soon!

– THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR –

Today, 8:45 a.m.	Officers' Prayer Time
Today, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
Today, 10:40 a.m.	Worship service
Today, 5:00 p.m.	DivorceCare (online via Zoom)
Monday, 9:00 a.m.	Sabbatical Search Career Group (Panera Bread on White Bridge Road)
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.	Sweet Half Hour of Prayer (5031 Hillsboro Pike, in the St. Paul Chapel, first floor)
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	GriefShare (online via Zoom)

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. We have also restructured our communion, offering, and attendance pad process to avoid person to person handling. 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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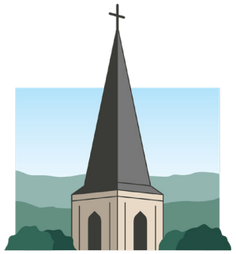

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