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"Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.'" – Job 1:20-21

August 23, 2020	Morning Worship	10:40 a.m.
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"All Your saints shall bless You."

Prelude Be Thou My Vision arr. Tambling
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Welcome

* Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 145:1–9

I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

* Hymn O Worship the King LYONS

**O worship the King all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

**Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy

catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Congregational Response LYONS

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

* Prayer of Adoration Pastor Heath Cross

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...."

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:1–10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

General Prayer of Confession

Our gracious God and risen Lord, in humble adoration we bow before You to worship Your glorious name. You are great and we are small; You are holy and we are sinful. Have mercy upon us we pray. Forgive our many sins and pardon our great iniquity. Purify our hearts, sanctify our minds, and save our souls, through Jesus Christ our 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

* Hymn O God beyond All Praising THAXTED

**O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word;
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
Its fragile bloom surrender to You, the Lord most high;
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King.**

**And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

"...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory The Old Rugged Cross arr. German
Mrs. Mary Margaret Culpepper, soloist

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it someday for a crown. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see; for t'was on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then He'll call me someday to my home far away, where His glory forever I'll share.

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..."

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Lesson Psalm 34:1–10
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 "At All Times" 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 O God beyond All Praising arr. Blackwell
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ

Sharing the Cup

* Hymn Be Thou My Vision SLANE

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;**

**Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

* Benediction

* Postlude Trumpet Tune Tambling
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 Krin Valentine in the recent loss of her mother.

Thank you: "Dear Stephens Valley Church Family, Thank you so much for the very warm and loving welcome you gave us last Sunday on our first Sunday back at "home" after recovering from COVID. We were overwhelmed by the love you expressed to us! Your prayers were so effective and when we asked you to "pray King out of ICU," God heard and answered quickly! Your calls, cards, notes, texts, and food gave us much need encouragement and lifted our spirits during weeks of illness and isolation! We love you and are so thankful to be part of this body of Christ!" – King and Angela Counts

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us Wednesday evening, September 2, as we begin a series called **"Hot Button: Thinking Biblically About Some of the Most Controversial Issues of Our Time."** Taught by Pastor Heath Cross, this 7-week series will cover "hot button" issues Christians are facing today. A dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m.; the Bible study will begin at 6:00 p.m. Full safety precautions will be in place: social distancing, servers wearing masks and gloves, etc. Our menu for September 2 will feature hot chicken (and not-hot chicken), vegetables, salad, and dessert. Reservations for dinner and childcare must be submitted through the church website by this Wednesday, August 26. The suggested donation for dinner is \$7/person and \$25/family.

– 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
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, 1:00 p.m. SVC Women's Bible Study leaders meeting (Café)
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)

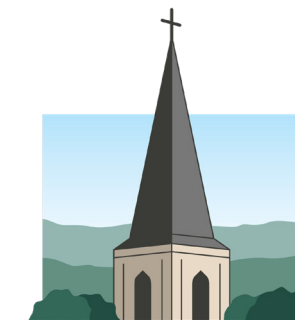
Sing in the choir! If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is a great time to do so! Weekly choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 2. For more information, contact David German (dgerman@stephensvalleychurch.com).

SVC Women's Bible Study: Registration for the women's Bible study begins today in the lobby. 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. Plans are being made to livestream and record the large group teaching starting at 10:30 a.m. Please join us!

SVC Men's Bible Study: Registration for the men's Bible study begins today in the lobby. We will continue our study/discussion of the Sermon on the Mount using Kent Hughes' commentary. We will meet on Fridays beginning September 11 through November 20 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Books are available today for \$20 each. For more information, contact Craig Valentine (craigv@entrust4.org).

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).

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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