



*"We seek to glorify God by preaching His Word and spreading the gospel of Grace in Boldness and Selflessness."*

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*In the Sanctuary, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy, from darkness to light.*

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# Order of Worship

Saint Stephen's Chapel

May 24, 2020

*Seventh Sunday Of Easter*

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**The prelude** is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights is the signal for the congregation to observe silence. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

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*"Without the Spirit we can neither love God nor keep His commandments?"*

**St. Augustine**

*"The Christian's life in all its aspects—intellectual and ethical, devotional and relational, upsurging in worship and outgoing in witness—is supernatural; only the Spirit can initiate and sustain it. So apart from him, not only will there be no lively believers and no lively congregations, there will be no believers and no congregations at all."* **J.I Packer**

## Invitation to Reflection

### Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*Psalms 118:1,8,9,29*

## Song of Adoration

### \* *Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

*Miner & Matheson*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinhead

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 32*

Ministry: Christian, why are you called a Christian?

**All: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Song of Praise**

**\* Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul**

Dear refuge of my weary soul  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief, for Thou alone canst heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel  
But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail  
I fear to call Thee mine, the springs of comfort seem to fail  
And all my hopes decline, Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust, and still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet  
Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will, and wait beneath Thy feet.

*Steele & Twit*

## **God's Renewal** ***The Law of God***

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: Cut away the thick calluses from your heart and stop being so willfully hardheaded. God, your God, is the God of all gods, he's the Master of all masters, a God immense and powerful and awesome. He doesn't play favorites, takes no bribes, makes sure orphans and widows are treated fairly, takes loving care of foreigners by seeing they get food and clothing. (Deuteronomy 10:16-19)

## ***Public Confession***

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

## ***Silent Confession***

*{Take a few moments to silently confess your failures and shortcomings to the Lord.}*

## **\* Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

1 Timothy 1:15

*{God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.}*

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

## **Song of Renewal**

### **\* I Asked The Lord**

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know  
And seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray  
And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way  
As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour  
At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell  
Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried  
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

*Newton & Taylor*

Rev. Kinkead

## **Prayer for the People**

### **Announcements**

### **\*Scripture Reading**

#### ***Acts 14:1-7***

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. <sup>2</sup>But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. <sup>3</sup>So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. <sup>4</sup>But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. <sup>5</sup>When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them

\*Congregation Stands

and to stone them, <sup>6</sup> they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,<sup>7</sup> and there they continued to preach the gospel.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

“Speaking Boldly!”

*Thy Kingdom Come!” Sermon Series: The Acts Of God Through His Church*

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### A Word About Communion at Saint Stephen’s Chapel:

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, embrace the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer. Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.*

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*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.” (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

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Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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## Prayer of Consecration

### Words of Institution

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Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

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## Song of Communion

### \* *Oh Great God*

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

*Kauflin*

## Communion Prayer

### \*Benediction

Rev. Alaniz

*{God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads.  
We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as  
participants in His mission to San Antonio and beyond.}*

Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

People: **Amen! (With great enthusiasm)**

### Doxology (One time)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
A-men.

### Postlude\*\*

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**Worship:**  
Every Sunday, 10:30a.m., at  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Potluck Sunday** – First Sunday of every month. To return 5 July.

**Christian Education** (CE) – For All Ages! Immediately after Worship  
(Except on Potluck Sunday's). To return June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Group** - Meets this Friday night, from 6:30 to 8 PM. We're  
studying The Holy Spirit. Friends and kids are invited!.

**Spring Picnic** –Coming Soon! Location TBD

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**Church Session:**

*Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz*  
*Associate Pastor: Rev. Don Kinkead*  
*Ruling Elder: T Jordan Wright*

**Musicians:**

*Ruben Martinez - Lead Vocals / Guitar - Piano*  
*Zach Barron - Box*

**Audio / Visual Technician:**

*Daniel Quintanilla*

**Director Of Children's Ministry:**

*Jackie Wright*