



Saint Stephen's Chapel

Order of Worship

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

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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May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday After Easter

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.)

“By and large the history of the church points to the fact that in worship we do not greatly trust the diversity of the body. Edification must always be the rule, and that carries with it orderliness so that all may learn and all be encouraged.” **Gordon D. Fee**

“Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.” **Matthew 13:57**

Invitation to Reflection

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high!

Hebrews 1:1-3

* **Song of Adoration**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the *worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

(Chorus) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art
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**Congregation Stands*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then *I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

Hine

***Prayer of Invocation**

Rev. Don Kinkead

***Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A. #1, 2

Minister: Christian, "What is the chief end of man?"

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: "What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?"

All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Offertory Prayer

*** Song of Praise**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Til life's storm is past
Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last
Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee
Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring
Cover my defenseless head, In the shadow of Thy wing
Thou, O Christ, are all I want, Here more than all I find
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee
Spring Thou up within my heart; For all eternity.

Wesley

Scripture Warning

The Law of God

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:4-6)

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, I have a wild heart, and cannot stand before you. I am like a bird before a man. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer. My mind is a bucket without a bottom, with no spiritual understanding. My conscience is without conviction or contrition, with no sins to acknowledge. My heart is without affection, and full of leaks. Give me a broken heart that yet carries home the water of grace.

Silent Confession {Take a few moments to silently confess your failures and shortcomings.}

*** Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

1 John 1: 5, 9

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

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*** Song of Renewal**

Psalm 51 (God be Merciful to me)

God, be merciful to me
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou
Blot out my transgressions now
Wash me, make me pure within
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

*Congregation Stands

My transgressions I confess
Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace
And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgement just
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust
I am evil, born in sin
Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow
Gracious God, my heart renew
Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Scottish Psalter

Announcements

Prayer for the People

Mr. Wright

The Greeting of Peace: *Leader:* Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 14:33-40

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴ the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. ³⁵ If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. ³⁶ Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. ³⁸ If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized. ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People:

Thanks be to God

**Congregation Stands*

“Peace and Order”

Sermon Series: Living As A Community In-Christ

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Alaniz

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.

“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.”

(I Corinthians 11:27-29)

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.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

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.

*** Song of Communion**

Jesus Invites His Saints

Watts & Priest

Jesus invites His saints to meet around His board
Here pardoned rebels sit and hold communion with their Lord
For food He gives His flesh, He bids us drink His blood
Amazing favor, matchless grace of our descending God

(Chorus) Christ, our Lamb, has been given for us
Come, let us keep the feast
The gifts of God, for the People of God
Come, let us keep the feast

This holy bread and wine maintain our fainting breath
By union with our living Lord, and interest in His death
Our heavenly Father calls Christ and his members one
We the young children of His love, and he the first-born Son.
(chorus)

We are but several parts of the same broken bread
One body hath its several limbs, but Jesus is the Head
Let all our powers be joined, His glorious Name to raise
Pleasure and love fill every mind, and every voice be praise. (chorus).

Communion Prayer

***Benediction Doxology**

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen Amen

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***Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in His
peace.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Postlude**

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Serving Today, May 22nd

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Evette R. Back
- Hospitality – Sandy Alaniz

Serving Next Sunday, May 29th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Lauri Kinkead
- Hospitality – Lauri Kinkead

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Potluck Lunch** – Sunday, June 5th
 - **Virtual Bible Study Groups: Zoom**, contact Manny
 - **Bible Study Groups** – in person, contact Manny
 - **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts**: Please take the time to listen and share it with others.
 - **Prayer Gathering** – After worship, every other month
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Church Session:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Manny Alaniz
Associate Pastors: Rev. Don Kinkead
Ruling Elder: Thomas Jordan Wright

Music Leaders:

Anthony Sanders – Vocals, Guitar, Piano

Director Of Children's Ministry:

Jackie Wright

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