



# 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.”*

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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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July 2, 2023

*The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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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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*“Prayer is not a preparation for the battle; it is the battle! Prayer is the most unexplored area of the Christian life. Prayerlessness is disobedience, for God's command is that men ought always to pray and not faint. To be prayerless is to fail God, for He says, Ask of me.”* **Leonard Ravenhill**

*“As is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.”* **Martin Luther**

**Invitation to Reflection**

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

\* **Song of Adoration**

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

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

(Chorus) O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice (Chorus)

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 (Chorus)

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 (Chorus).

*St. Francis of Assisi*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Quintanilla

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 116

Leader: Christian, "Why is prayer necessary?"

**All: Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us: and also, because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who with sincere desires continually ask them of him, and are thankful for them.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**\* Song of Praise**

**God's Highway**

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear

I cannot see the way from here

But on we go, He knows the way

And in His arms, He keeps me safe.

(Chorus) Fear not, keep on, watch and pray

Walk in the light of God's highway

The shadows flee, The valley is deep

But evil cannot conquer me

Your rod and staff, They protect me

You give me rest, You give me peace (Chorus)

I see the shore, from troubled seas

This tiny ship that carries me

It is not yet, But it will be

So heaven come, It's you we need (Chorus)

I'm holding onto you, Lord

You're holding onto me...

I'm holding onto you, Love

You're holding onto me... (Chorus).

*McCracken*

**God's Renewal**

**Understanding Ourselves Rightly**

Mr. Jordan Wright

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 say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.  
(1 John 1:5-10)

*\*Congregation Stands*

## ***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**

John 3:16-17

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

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **\* Song of Renewal**

#### **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*

**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**

**Matthew 7:7-12**

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup>“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Reader: This is The Word of The LORD

People: **Thanks be to God**

**The Sermon**

Rev. Alaniz

“Ask, Seek and Find”

**Sermon Series: Kingdom Living In A Foreign Land**

**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.*

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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**

**We Will Feast in the House of Zion**

(Chorus) We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed, by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn

My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom (Chorus).

*McCracken*

**Communion Prayer**      **\*Benediction Doxology**

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be 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

Leader:      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 peace.

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

Postlude\*\*

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**Worship: (New time & Location)**

**Every Sunday, 5:00p.m., at  
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**Serving Today, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Serving Next Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Kristie Alaniz
  - Hospitality – Sylvia Arzega
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **SSC – Picnic in the Park** – August 5, 2023, at Oscar Perez Memorial Park, 8601 Timber Path, San Antonio, TX 78251, 11noon to 2pm. Bring family and friends!!

*\*Congregation Stands*

- **Vacation Bible School** – Northwest Hills Baptist Church, *July 10-14*, at 6-8:30pm.
- **Virtual Bible Study Groups**: via ***Zoom***, every other week.
- **In-Person Study Groups**: Contact Pastor Manny
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – Take the time to listen and share with others.

**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

**Audio / Visual Technician:**

Daniel Quintanilla / Alexander Harrison