



# 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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September 24, 2023

*The Seventeenth 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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*“Whatever controls us is our lord. The person who seeks power is controlled by power. The person who seeks acceptance is controlled by the people he or she wants to please. We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our lives.”* **Rebecca Pippert**

**Invitation to Reflection**

Rev. Don Kinkead

**Call to Solemn Worship**

Rev. Manny Alaniz

Minister: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

*Psalms 99:1-5*

**\* 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*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Daniel Quintanilla

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Leader: Christian, "What kind of king is Jesus, the Chris?"

**All: Though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**\* Song of Praise**

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears  
Before the throne my Surety stands  
Before the throne my Surety stands  
My name is written on His hands

(Chorus) Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise, my soul, arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above for me to intercede  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace (Chorus)

*\*Congregation Stands*

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
with confidence I now draw nigh  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry (Chorus x2).

Wesley

## God's Renewal

### Call to Confession

Mr. Jordan Wright

Leader: None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. (Romans 3:10-12)

### *Public Confession*

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save, or his ear dull that it cannot hear. Yet, our iniquities have separated us from God and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies and our eyes are filled with illicit and unnecessary desires. Our feet are swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace. The roads we travel are crooked and desperate. We hope for light, but behold darkness. Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Our God and Redeemer, only your strong arm can bring us salvation.**

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

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

Romans 5:8-9

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

Leader: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

### \* *Song of Renewal*

### *Be Thou My Vision*

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

\*Congregation Stands

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, and 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 heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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**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**

**Romans 1:18-25**

Rev. Kinkead

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup>For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup>For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.*

**Reader: This is The Word of The LORD**

**People: Thanks be to God**

*\*Congregation Stands*

“How Do We Change?”

Sermon Series: Gospel Christianity (Foundations)

**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.” (I 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**

**On Jordan’s Stormy Banks**

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On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie  
  
All o’er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

(Chorus) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land  
  
No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more (Chorus)  
  
When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Fathers face  
And in His bosom rest? (Chorus).

### **Communion Prayer**

#### **\*Benediction Doxology**

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.

**Gloria Patri**

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#### **\*Benediction**

Rev. Alaniz

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace. Go in His 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, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Sandy Alaniz
- Hospitality – Jackie Wright

**Serving Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

- **Prayer Gathering** – Coming soon - before worship
  - **Potluck** – Also coming soon – before worship
  - **Virtual and In-Person, Bible Study Groups**
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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

**Audio / Visual Technician:**

Daniel Quintanilla  
Alexander Harrison

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**Sermon Notes:**