



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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August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.)

“A believer's last day is his best day. Death to a believer is but passing out of a stormy sea into a safe harbor. Let this be a comfort, that though afflictions may be lasting, they are not everlasting.” **Thomas Watson**

“If God be ours, what matter who be against us? No matter how strong they be, or how many there be; if the Lord be on our side, we need not fear.” **Jeremiah Burroughs**

Invitation to Reflection

Rev. Don Kinkead

Call to Solemn Worship

Rev. Manny Alaniz

*{God graciously invites us into His presence to worship Him.
He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.}*

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

Luke 1:46-48, 50, 54

*** Invocation**

**Congregation Stands*

* **Song of Adoration**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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God's Renewal

Scripture Warning

Rev. Kinkead

Leader: For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. (Hebrews 6:4-6)

**Congregation Stands*

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: 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.}

* ***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**

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart
Joy to those who long to see
Day-spring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

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Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born Lord of all
Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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.**

**** Dismiss our children for *Training in the Pews Today*****

*Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Mr. Derek Alaniz

But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend, ⁹ You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called from its remotest parts, and said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not rejected you. ¹⁰ Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also help you, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.

The Sermon

Rev. Alaniz

“Do Not Fear”

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, Everlasting King

(Chorus) Jesus, everlasting King
Accept the tribute which we bring
Accept the well deserved renown
And wear our praises as Your crown

O send Your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received Your pledge of love (Chorus)

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*Congregation Stands

The gladness of redemptions day
Our hearts would wish it long to stay
Nor let our faith forsake its hold
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold (Chorus)

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free
Till we are raised to sing Your name
At the great supper of the Lamb (Chorus)

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all His Fathers glories on (Chorus x2).

Watts & Smith

Communion & Offertory Prayers

***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 God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

People: Amen! (With great enthusiasm)

Postlude**

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Worship: (New time & Location)

Every Sunday, **1:30p.m.**, at
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**Congregation Stands*

Serving Today, August 18th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Lauri Kinhead
- Hospitality – Evette R. Back

Serving Next Sunday, August 25th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Kristie Alaniz
- Hospitality – Sandy Alaniz

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Prayer Gathering** – to be announced.
- **Virtual Bible Study** – TBA
- **Christian Education** – after worship! Coming soon.
- **Next Potluck Lunch**, to be announced!
- **5-Minute Bible Study Podcasts** – coming soon!!

Sermon Notes: