



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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September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. The dimming of the lights signals 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.)

“He who believes the promises of God knows that the assurance does not rest in his own heart, but in the One who gives the promise.” **Huldrych Zwingli**

“God’s promises are the pathway by which we walk in fellowship with Him. To live in doubt or fear is to dishonor His faithful word, which has been given for our trust and security.” **John Owen**

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: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Rev. 15:3-4

*** Invocation**

*** Song of Adoration**

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge
My Rock in Whom I trust."

(Chorus) And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His Hand

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**Congregation Stands*

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Under His Wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield
For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone (*Chorus 2x*).

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God's Renewal

Scripture Warning

Rev. Kinkead

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)

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #1

Leader: Christian, let us affirm what we believe.

All: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most crucial German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism to guide ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

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

* **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Joel 2:12-13

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

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

* **Song of Renewal**

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman

Blessed Be Your Name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

(Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be', Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say (Chorus)

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

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Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say (Chorus 2x)

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name.

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

Genesis 12:10-20

Mrs. Kristie Alaniz

Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹ When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹² and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. ¹³ Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." ¹⁴ When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵ And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁶ And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. ¹⁷ But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." ²⁰ And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

“Faith in the Face of Spiritual Famine”

Sermon Series: *Sharing Jesus with Our Roman Catholic Friends*

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**

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died, and rose again (x2)

(Chorus) Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You, in all I do to honor You

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died, and rose again (Chorus)

You are my King, You are my King
Jesus You are my King, Jesus You are my King (Chorus). *Newsboy*

Communion & Offertory Prayers

***Benediction Doxology**

Praise God

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.

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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, September 15th

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Evette R. Back
- Hospitality – Rachel Barron

Serving Next Sunday, September 22nd

- Childcare & Training in the Pews – Kristie Alaniz
 - Hospitality – Kristie Alaniz
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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!!
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Sermon Notes: