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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation to Enter God's Presence

*Invocation

**Hymn of Praise #635 "How Good It Is to Thank the Lord"*

1 How good it is to thank the Lord,
and praise to you, Most High, accord,
to show your love with morning light,
and tell your faithfulness each night;
yea, good it is your praise to sing,
and all our sweetest music bring.

2 O Lord, with joy my heart expands
before the wonders of your hands;
great works, Jehovah, you have wrought,
exceeding deep your ev'ry thought;
a foolish man knows not their worth,
nor he whose mind is of the earth.

3 When as the grass the wicked grow,
when sinners flourish here below,
then is there endless ruin nigh,
but you, O Lord, are throned on high;
your foes shall fall before your might,
the wicked shall be put to flight.

4 The righteous man shall flourish well,
and in the house of God shall dwell;
he shall be like a goodly tree,
and all his life shall fruitful be;
for righteous is the Lord and just,
he is my rock, in him I trust.

Communion Sunday Confession of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*catholic does not refer to the Roman Catholic church, but means "universal" or "whole". It refers to the Church's presence and mission across all time and space, not just a specific historical period.)

Intercessory Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Offertory

**The Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Sermon Text

John 7:37-39

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Sermon Title

“The Last Day of the Feast”

Rev. Nathan Titus

**Hymn of Response #692*

“To You, O Lord, I Fly”

1 To you, O Lord, I fly
and on your help depend;
you are my Lord and King Most High;
great God, my soul defend.
A heritage for me Jehovah will remain;
my portion rich and full is he,
my right he will maintain.

2 The lot to me that fell
is beautiful and fair;
the heritage in which I dwell
is good beyond compare.
I praise the Lord above
whose counsel guides aright;
my heart instructs me in his love
in seasons of the night.

3 I keep before me still
the Lord whom I have proved;
at my right hand he guards from ill,
and I shall not be moved.
Life's pathway you will show,
to your right hand will guide,

where streams of pleasure ever flow,
and boundless joys abide.

A Reading from God's Law (Exodus 20:1-17) with a Confession of Sin from the Psalms

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God... You shall have no other gods before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. (Psalm 51:4)

You shall not make for yourself an idol You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. (Psalm 95:6)

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. (Psalm 84:10)

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. (Psalm 25:7)

You shall not murder.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me. (Psalm 139:23)

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. (Psalm 90:8)

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions. (*Psalm 51:1*)

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law. (*Psalm 119:29*)

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. (*Psalm 119:36*)

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. (*Psalm 145:18*)

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever. (*Psalm 145:21*)

Assurance of Pardon

**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.

**Hymn of Communion #427 “Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands”*

1 Amidst us our Beloved stands,
and bids us view his pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side,
blest emblems of the Crucified.

2 What food luxurious loads the board,
when at this table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
and bid us see him face to face!

4 O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
let every saint your glory see!

The Lord's Supper

(All Bread is Gluten Free)

**Closing Hymn #431 "A Parting Hymn We Sing"*

1 A parting hymn we sing around your table, Lord;
again our grateful tribute bring, our solemn vows record.

2 Here have we seen your face, and felt your presence here;
so may the savor of your grace in word and life appear.

3 We're purchased by your blood, by sin no longer led,
the path our dear Redeemer trod may we rejoicing tread.

4 In self-forgetting love be our communion shown,
until we join the church above, and know as we are known.

**Benediction*

**Congregation Three-fold Amen*

**Postlude*

Shorter Catechism on the Lord's Supper

Q. 96. *What is the Lord's supper?*

A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97. *What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper?*

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for the persecuted church, our missionaries, the church around the world and the continued evangelistic efforts of the gospel here and abroad.

Our Missionaries

Richard Smith: RUF-I (Penn State Univ.)

Chris Peter: RUF (Millersville Univ.)

Becky Della Piazza: DiscipleMakers (Susquehanna Valley)

Joshua Jacobs: Mission to the World (France)

***See mission info in the narthex for other ministries we support**

Pray for all homebound members:

Vicky Stanley – is in the hospital

Jean Martin – prayers as she is at GSV for rehab

Ryan Eberly – prayer from recovery of eye surgery

Join us tonight at 4:00 pm as
Pastor Nathan preaches on
Deuteronomy 2:8-25,
Begin to Take Possession,
at our evening service.

ABOUT US

St. Stephen Reformed is a Bible Believing, gospel preaching, mission focused, Christ-centered Presbyterian congregation that is committed to living by the light of the Spirit, faithfully proclaiming the light of the Word, and shining forth the light of Christ in Lancaster County.

As a member church of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we embrace and confess that the doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechism is the most faithful summary of scriptural teaching.

The PCA's slogan encapsulates well our beliefs:

Faithful to Scripture

True to the Reformed Faith

Obedient to the Great Commission

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