

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH • 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The following is the link to St. Stephen's YouTube Channel and this live stream service at 11a.m.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0xij-ku-vi3om-vLE2dUJA>

WELCOME

Pastor Rob

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing
CCLI# 4573528

Tammy Lydon, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 143 NRSV*

Pastor Jiyeon

One: Let us hear of your steadfast love in the morning,
for in you we put our trust.

All: Teach us the way we should go, for to you we lift up our souls.

One: Teach us to do your will, for you are our God.

All: Let your good spirit lead us on a level path.

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve our lives.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jiyeon

Father, we know that you hear us and, more than that, you respond to our cries. We are a hurting people. Heal us, find us, free us. We hold secrets in our hearts that only you know. With loving grace, draw us to bring those to light. We are safe in you, we are forgiven by you, we are healed by your hand. Father, bring peace where there is anxiety, hope where there is despair, mercy where there is failure. We cry out to you because we know you are near. With hope and assurance of your presence, we pray to you. Amen.

OPENING SONG

The Potter's Hand
CCLI#: 2449771

Source Band

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are
held in Your hand crafted into Your perfect plan

You gently call me into Your presence,
guiding me by Your Holy Spirit.
Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through Your eyes.

I'm captured by Your holy calling,
Set me apart I know You're drawing me to Yourself.
Lead me, Lord, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me;
I give my life to the Potter's hand.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Rob

THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF THREE YEAR OLD DEVOTIONAL KITS

Pastor Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

Have Thine Own Way
CCLI# 28225

Tim Anderson

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
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Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Tim Anderson
vocal and guitar

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 18:1-11 NRSV

MESSAGE

To the Potter's House

Pastor Rob

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Pastor Jiyeon

O Artistic and Imaginative Potter, we are clay formed by your hands. We are fired in the kiln of your love. You make us ready vessels promising to fill us with your Living Love, your Water of Life, and your Holy Word. You've formed us ready to receive, open and empty. You gave us and give us life, yet we sometimes live in ways that scratch our pretty glaze, or crack our forms, until we're chipped and broken, leaking love, lacking true life. Forgive us, O God, if we misused this gift of life and love you have given us. Repair us, make us whole again, that we might be for you, your soulful, useful art. Amen.

PARDON AND ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

This Is a Day of New Beginnings
CCLI# 2803661

Tammy Lydon, piano

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

The Chat feature is open following the service on YouTube

Have a Blessed Week!