

# St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> • 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

The Lord of the Dance  
CCLI# 78529

Tammy Lydon, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: We are here to celebrate God's presence, affirming the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.

**All: Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love, and together celebrate new life in Christ.**

One: God is with us as a community of faith.

**All: With neighbor and friend and with the stranger also, we have come together to worship and praise God.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

**Loving God, you surround us in a warm embrace, and in your love teach us how to love others. In your Spirit, we ask for guidance and remind us always of your compassion for all humankind. Help us to keep our eyes and our lives focused on our perfect guide in Jesus Christ. Enable us to follow the teachings of Jesus above our own way and will. In the name of Christ our Lord, Model, Guide and Savior. Amen.**

### OPENING SONG

Gracefully Broken  
CCLI# 7091509

Source Band

Take all I have in these hands,  
and multiply, God, all that I am;  
and find my heart on the altar again.  
Set me on fire, set me on fire.

Here I am, God, arms wide open,  
pouring out my life, gracefully broken.

My heart stands in awe of Your name.  
Your mighty love stands strong to the end.  
You will fulfill Your purpose for me.  
You won't forsake me, you will be with me.

Here I am, God, arms wide open,  
pouring out my life, gracefully broken.

All to Jesus now, all to Jesus now,  
holding nothing back, holding nothing back,  
I surrender, I surrender,  
I surrender, I surrender.  
Your power at work in me,  
I'm broken gracefully.

I'm strong when I am weak,  
I will be free.

Here I am, God, arms wide open,  
Pouring out my life, gracefully broken.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jiyeon

## OFFERTORY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
CCLI# 3703519

Tammy Lydon, piano

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.  
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God

Tim Anderson, vocals and guitar

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10a NRSV

## MESSAGE

Anointing the Priests

Pastor Rob

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

Pastor Forrest

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all, who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, and to be weaned from the elementary teachings of our faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than disobedience and slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the desire and commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as faithful and mature followers of Christ. Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

It is a sure and trustworthy word that Jesus Christ came to forgive us, to redeem us, and to restore us to right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Jiyeon

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release of the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who were oppressed, and to announce that the time has come when you would free your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On the night that he gave himself up to us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## **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.**

## **BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP**

*Everyone is invited to come to St. Stephen's and drive-thru the parking lot to receive the elements of bread and fruit of the vine between 12noon and 1:00pm.*

*Regular and gluten-free elements are available.*

*All elements are pre-packaged by TrueVine.*

*No Health Acknowledgement is necessary for Drive-thru Communion, but you will need to wear a mask and remain in your vehicle. If you are sick or been in contact with anyone with COVID-19-like symptoms in the last fourteen (14) days, you should not attend.*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Rob

One: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. Do you believe it?

**All: We are a holy nation, God's own people.**

One: Will you live it?

**All: The Lord is good; the pure milk of the Spirit flows freely. Let us be nourished by it.**

One: May the grace and mercy of God be with you now and forevermore.

**POSTLUDE**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
CCLI #315488

Tammy Lydon, piano

*The Chat feature will be open following the livestream service on YouTube!*

*Have a great week!*