

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST • 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

My Jesus, I Love Thee
CCLI# 27817

Tammy Lydon, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: Jesus said, Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

All: They do not come under judgment but have passed from death to life (John 5:24).

One: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

All: But to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

One: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom,

All: And with gratitude in our hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God (Colossians 3:16).

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

Gracious God, during this season of Lent we reflect upon the suffering and death of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is because of our sin that he suffered, and we repent of that sin. We take comfort in the fact that just as Jesus bespoke forgiveness for those who crucified him, so he now bespeaks forgiveness to us. Guide us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as redeemed servants of God. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG

This is Amazing Grace
CCLI# 6333821

Source Band

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness;
whose love is mighty and so much stronger,
the King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder,
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder,
the King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order,
who makes the orphan a son and daughter,
the King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance,
the King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life, that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
CCLI #2234405

Tammy Lydon, piano

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering over the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:13-26, 32-35 NRSV

MESSAGE

Last Words: Words of Life from the Cross
"Father, Forgive Them"

Pastor Rob

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Jiyeon

We affirm the life-giving, renewing work of Jesus Christ on our behalf.

In Christ's the past is past. It is gone. It no longer determines who we are or who we can become.

Christ took care of all that so that we may look to him for our identity and hope.

We are reconciled to God through Christ. We are made new creatures.

We receive the promise of God's daily presence and mercy. We are God's children!

**We affirm our choice to live as those whose inheritance is sure, whose joy is secure,
and whose present and future are held in the loving hands of our gracious Lord
and Savior. Amen.**

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS

Saint-Victor Family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Were You There (v. 1)
CCLI #29516

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Grace Greater than Our Sin
CCLI # 31690

Tammy Lydon, piano

The Chat feature is open following the live streamed service on YouTube!

Have a blessed week!