

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH • 3RD 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 Jiyeon

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me
CCLI# 1024352

Tammy Lydon, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: Come and worship! In wonder and awe let us seek the face of God.

All: God invites us to come just as we are.

One: We come longing to experience God's embrace.

All: God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

One: We come weary and worn.

All: God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

One: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.

All: Glory to God for God's amazing love!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

Gracious God, during this season of Lent, we reflect upon the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that without Jesus' gift of love and redemption we would be lost in our sins. Help us, Lord, to receive the story of the cross and to share it with those who need to hear it. May our lives and their lives be transformed for your honor and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG

Sweetly Broken
CCLI# 4514635

Source Band

To the cross I look, and to the cross I cling.
Of its suffering I do drink, of its work I do sing.
On it, my Savior, both bruised and crushed,
showed that God is love and God is just.

What a priceless gift, undeserved life,
have I been given through Christ crucified.
You called me out of death, you called me into life,
and I was under your wrath.
Now through the cross, I'm reconciled.

At the cross you beckon me,
you draw me gently to my knees,
and I am lost for words, so lost in love;
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.

At the cross you beckon me,
you draw me gently to my knees,
and I am lost for words, so lost in love;
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.

In awe of the cross, I must confess,
how wondrous your redeeming love
And how great is your faithfulness.

At the cross you beckon me,
you draw me gently to my knees,
and I am lost for words, so lost in love;
I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
CCLI# 36736

Bell Ensemble

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:33-39 NRSV

MESSAGE

Last Words: Words of Life from the Cross
My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

Pastor Jiyeon

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor Jiyeon

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 a right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Forrest

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 12:45pm.

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 have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19-like symptoms in the last fourteen (14) days, you should not attend.

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING CANDLES

Frutchey / Sawhney Family

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Were You There (v. 3)
CCLI #29516

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

BENEDICTION

Pastor Jiyeon

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together
CCLI #3205952

Tammy Lydon, piano

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

Have a blessed week!