

# St. Stephen's

*United Methodist Church*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> • 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

Jesus Loves Even Me

Tammy Lydon, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: Come to the water, all you who thirst.

**All: We come to drink deeply from the river of life.**

One: Come to the water, all you who are weary.

**All: We come to rest in the quiet pools of God's love and to quench our souls.**

One: Come to the water, all you who long for a justice.

**All: We come to be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream and to hear Jesus' words of life.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

**Merciful God, thirsty we embrace this season of Lent. Come and speak to us, we pray, the solemn truth of Christ's passion. Grant us courage to set aside easy answers and quick fixes in favor of your word that penetrates and transforms us. Enable us to see past the immediate satisfaction of our wants that we may choose instead the eternally fulfilling grace of your presence. Embolden our faith that we may trust you rather than the false and empty promises of our age. May we emerge from the season prepared to serve you with renewed passion and joy. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## OPENING SONG

More Like Jesus  
CCLI# 7105732

Source Band

You came to the world you created,  
trading your crown for a cross.  
You willingly died, your innocent life paid the cost.

Counting your status as nothing,  
the King of all kings came to serve,  
washing my feet, covering me with your love.

If more of you means less of me, take everything.  
Yes, all of you is all I need, take everything.

You are my life and my treasure,  
the one that I can't live without.  
Here at your feet my desires and dreams I lay down.  
Here at Your feet my desires and dreams I lay down.

If more of you means less of me, take everything.  
Yes, all of you is all I need, take everything.  
If more of you means less of me, take everything.  
Yes, all of you is all I need, take everything.

Oh Lord, change me like only you can,  
here with my heart in your hands,  
Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus.

This world is dying to know who you are.  
You've shown us the way to your heart,  
So Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus.

If more of you means less of me, take everything.  
Yes, all of you is all I need, take everything.

**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**

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed  
CCLI #4866156

Tammy Lydon, piano

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 53:1-6, John 19:23-29 NRSV

**MESSAGE**

Last Words: Words of Life from the Cross  
"I Am Thirsty"

Pastor Rob

**SERVICE OF DIMINISHING CANDLES**

Allen Family

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Were You There  
CCLI #29516

Were you there when his shoulders bore the cross? (were you there)  
Were you there when his shoulders bore the cross?? (were you there)  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when his shoulders bore the cross? (were you there)

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Rob

**POSTLUDE**

Near to the Heart of God  
CCLI #7056333

Tammy Lydon, piano

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*Have a blessed week!*