

# St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> • MAUNDY THURSDAY • 7:00 P.M.

The following is the link to St. Stephen's YouTube Channel and this live stream service at 7p.m.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0xij-ku-vi3om-vLE2dUJA>

**The following items are suggested to help you celebrate our remembrance of Jesus' last evening with his disciples before his arrest, crucifixion and death:**  
*One or more candles, a pitcher of water, one large bowl or a bowl for each participant, and towels.*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME

Pastor Rob

### GATHERING MUSIC

My Jesus, I Love Thee  
CCLI# 27817

Tammy Lydon, piano

### GREETING

Pastors Forrest, Jiyeon, and Rob

Voice1: We join a solemn journey of three days that has changed the world and our own lives. Followers of Jesus have been taking this journey since his first followers took it, long ago.

*(pause)*

Voice2: This is the night of love. On this night Jesus took a towel and basin, and washed his disciples' feet. On this night he told them to do the same for others to show their love for him and for one another. This is the night of love.

*(pause)*

Voice3: On this night, followers of Jesus have invited those preparing for baptism to begin with them a solemn vigil of prayer and fasting until the day of Christ's resurrection is fulfilled. This is the night of love.

*(pause)*

Voice1: On this night, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with his followers for the last time, and invited them to remember him to encounter him anew, whenever they did the same. This is the night of love.

*(pause)*

Voice2: On this night, followers of Jesus have welcomed those who have returned to the way of Jesus after a time of wandering and a journey of returning. This is the night of love.

*(pause)*

Voice3: This is the night of love. And so, on this night, we welcome the penitent -- all here have wandered-- and invite all preparing -- all here are still learning -- to join us in hearing and obeying the commandment of our Master and to feast at his table, that we may love one another as he has loved us.

**All: Come, ye sinners. Come, ye thirsty. Come, ye weary. Come to the celebration of God's love.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

**Loving and ever-gracious God, who comes in human form and kneels to wash our dirty, dusty feet, we gather in this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We give you thanks for such kindness and mercy toward us. Open our hearts that we might understand your generous love for us and then go in your name to share that love with the world. May this night deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and Redeemer. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**Sanctuary  
CCLI# 24140

Tim Anderson, guitar and vocals

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.  
 We exalt thee, we exalt thee.  
 We exalt thee, O Lord.  
 We exalt thee, we exalt thee,  
 We exalt thee, O Lord.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS**

Pastor Rob

**READING 1**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV

Pastor Forrest

**WASHING OF HANDS OR FEET****READING 2**

John 14:1-21 NRSV

Pastor Jiyeon

**SONG**The Servant Song  
CCLI# 72673Tammy Lydon, piano  
Tim Anderson, vocals

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.  
 Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.  
 I will hold my hand out to you speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
 I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

**READING 3**

John 15:1-17 NRSV

Pastor Forrest

**READING 4**

John 16:1-20 NRSV

Pastor Jiyeon

**SONG**They Will Know We Are Christians  
CCLI# 26997

Tim Anderson, guitar and vocals

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**HOMILY**

Pastor Rob

**HOLY COMMUNION****READING 5**

John 17:1-11, 20-18:1 NRSV

Pastor Forrest

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Rob

Come, our Light and illumine our darkness. Come, our Life and revive us from death. Come, our Physician and heal our wounds. Come, Flame of Divine Love and burn up the thorns of our sins, kindling our hearts with the flame of your love. Come, our King, sit upon the throne of our lives and reign there. For thou alone are our King and our Lord. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**Let Us Break Bread Together  
CCLI #3205952

Tammy Lydon, piano

*Following the service you are invited to remain online and in quiet for a time of prayer and reflection as the postlude music is played.*

*Drive-thru Communion 7:45pm - 8:30pm in the parking lot at St. Stephen's Church.*