

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

EASTER SUNDAY • SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 11:00A.M.

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>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bunny Monroe

One: The Cross could not finish him.

All: Death could not defeat him.

One: Our Redeemer. Our Deliverer. Our Savior.

All: He is risen!

One: Jesus is risen, indeed!

OPENING SONG

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
CCLI# 27965

Source Band

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory boasting grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Bunny Monroe

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen in indeed! May this declaration resound throughout the world. May it forever be the truth of which we speak and live our lives. Lord, we thank you that your salvation is for all who confess with voices, hearts, and lives that the tomb is empty, because Jesus is risen. May many lives be reborn and your name be glorified now and for eternity. In the name of our risen Lord, Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor Rob

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

Up from the Grave He Arose St. Stephen's Brass Ensemble
CCLI# 27783

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints, to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints, to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints, to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18 NRSV

MESSAGE

Hope Is Alive!

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

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the hope and joy of the resurrection but are caught up in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. 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.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and 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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your 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 grape juice 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

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken

Tammy Lydon, piano

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

HAPPY EASTER!
He is risen!

Have a blessed week!