

# St. Stephen's

*United Methodist Church*

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE • APRIL 04, 2021 • 6:45 A.M.**

**(+) indicates congregation singing in a low voice.**

**GATHERING MUSIC** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Tammy Lydon, piano

**CALL TO CELEBRATION** Pastor Forrest

One: Look, the stone is rolled away!

**All: He is risen!**

One: Look, the blood-stained cloth is set aside!

**All: He is risen!**

One: Look, the tomb is filled with light!

**All: He is risen!**

One: Look, Hope is alive!

**+OPENING SONG** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Grace Ministries Band  
CCLI# 27965

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!

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** Pastor Jiyeon

**Holy and Living God, like a tomb's darkness that gives way to light, open us this day to newness of life, to an expectant hope; open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace; open us to one another, and to the possibilities you have in store for us. Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now. We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**WELCOME** Pastor Rob

**+SONG** Up from the Grave He Arose Grace Ministries Band  
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!

Tim Anderson, guitar and vocals  
Teryl Pomeroy, guitar and vocals  
Lauri Snider, violin  
Ed Baird, Trumpet  
Tammy Lydon, piano

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Jiyeon

**Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us, and our brokenness remains unhealed. We cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE**

We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Morning Has Broken

Grace Ministries Band

*Regular and gluten-free elements are available.  
All elements are pre-packaged by TrueVine.*

*You will be invited to come forward to gather the pre-packaged communion elements,  
then we will partake of the elements of bread and fruit of the vine together  
as a sign of unity in our risen Lord.*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Rob

One: The stone has been rolled away!

**All: The tomb is empty!**

One: He is not here!

**All: Let us go and tell others.**

One: Christ is risen.

**All: He is risen, indeed. Hallelujah!**

**POSTLUDE**

Joyful, Joyful

Tammy Lydon, piano

*Happy Easter!*

*The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!*