

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH • 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tammy Lydon, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Penny Crickenberger

One: Lord, come and walk with us today. We need your presence on the long road.

All: The road between fear and hope,

One: the road between the place where all is lost

All: and the place of resurrection.

One: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,

All: we are in need of your company!

One: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,

All: let this time of worship, be a hallowed time.

OPENING PRAYER

Penny Crickenberger

Holy God, we are Easter people, people of hope and resurrection, but a lot of days still seem like Good Friday. We feel stuck in pain and loss, fear and anxiety, worry and doubt. Resurrection power seems to be in short supply, and we are not sure how your power impacts the difficulties and suffering we face. Renew us again, dear Friend. Come alongside us and speak words of grace and truth to us. Open our eyes to your constant presence and remind us that you are always working out your redemptive purposes in our lives and in our world. Amen.

OPENING SONG

All My Hope
CCLI# 7068805

Source Band
Sonja Tussing
Mike Keppler
Jerry Kohns
Jeff Jenkins
Bernard Stoltz
Sam Stone

I've been held by the Savior.
I've felt fire from above.
I've been down to the river.
I ain't the same, a prodigal returned.

All my hope is in Jesus.
Thank God that yesterday's gone.
Yes, all my sins are forgiven.
I've been washed by the blood.
(Come on and sing)

I'm no stranger to prison.
I've worn shackles and chains,
but I've been freed and forgiven,
and I'm not going back. I'll never be the same.
That's why I sing:

All my hope is in Jesus.
Thank God that yesterday's gone.
Yes, all my sins are forgiven.
I've been washed by the blood.
(Come on and sing)

There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man,
Breaks him down to his knees.
God, I've been broken more than a time or two,
yes, Lord, then he picked me up and showed me
what it means to be a man.
Come on and sing!

All my hope is in Jesus.
Thank God that yesterday's gone.
Yes, all my sins are forgiven.
I've been washed by the blood.
(Come on and sing)

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 Rob

OFFERTORY

In the Garden
CCLI# 62858

Ed Baird, trumpet
Tammy Lydon, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 NRSV

MESSAGE

Proclaiming Hope

Pastor Rob

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Forrest

We believe in an Easter God, who transforms darkness into light, hatred into tolerance, despair into hope.

We believe God is always working for good, changing every Good Friday nightmare into an Easter dream of new possibility.

We believe in the risen Christ, who befriends us on our roads of searching and worry; who touches us through song and silence, word and gesture; who calls us by name to enter the dance of life.

We believe in the Spirit, the hidden presence behind every resurrection, who beckons us to leave tomb-like safety and trust the gracious invitation to live joyfully.

We believe the Spirit is always renewing the church and making us a people who practice kindness, encourage beauty and work for justice and freedom.

We believe we are an Easter people, a sign that with God all things are possible.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Tammy Lydon, organ

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

Have a blessed week! The Lord is risen!