

# St. Stephen's

*United Methodist Church*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> • 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**

O Worship the King  
CCLI#1024352

Esther Lee, piano  
Tammy Lydon, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Fofi

One: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**All: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

One: Walk in the light of his love.

**All: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**All: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Susan Fofi

**Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross and resurrection of Christ, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank you, Father, for giving us hope! We are full of gratitude and worship. He is risen! Amen.**

**OPENING SONG:**

Start a Fire  
CCLI # 7017142

Source Band

This world can be cold and bitter, feels like we're in the dead of winter.  
Waiting on something better, but am I really gonna hide forever?  
Over and over again, I hear your voice in my head.  
Let your light shine, let your light shine for all to see.

Start a fire in my soul, fan the flame and make it grow,  
so there's no doubt or denying.  
Let it burn so brightly, that everyone around can see  
that it's you, that it's you that we need.  
Start a fire in me.

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze.  
It only takes a little faith.  
Let it start right here in this city,  
so these old walls will never be the same.  
Over and over again, I hear your voice in my head.  
They need to know, I need to go,  
Spirit won't you fall on my heart now.

Start a fire in my soul, fan the flame and make it grow,  
so there's no doubt or denying.  
Let it burn so brightly, that everyone around can see  
that it's you, that it's you that we need.  
Start a fire in me.

You are the fire, you are the flame,  
you are the light on the darkest day.  
We have the hope, we bear your name,  
we carry the news that you have come to save,  
only you can save.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Rob

### 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 Forrest

### OFFERTORY

What Wondrous Love  
CCLI# 197297

St. Stephen's Bell Ensemble

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-14 NRSV

### MESSAGE

Return to Hope

Pastor Rob

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Forrest

**We believe in Jesus Christ who was resurrected from the dead by God Almighty. We believe in him who gave us the hope of life hereafter through his Gospel of eternal life. We believe that whoever believes in him and his Gospel will never die, but have everlasting life. We Believe that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, both here in this world, and in the world to come. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

### POSTLUDE

The Strife Is Over, the Battle Done  
CCLI# 4873792

Esther Lee, piano  
Tammy Lydon, organ

*Special Thanks to the  
Source Band*

*Jerry Kohns(Piano), Sonja Tussing and Mike Keppler(Vocals), Bernard Stoltz(Guitar),  
Sam Stone(Bass), and Jeff Jenkins(Drums)*

*Bell Ensemble*

*Joan Barker, Suzanne Cerney, Allyn Hammel, Jiyeon Kim, Dana Richards, and Judy Smith*

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

*Have a blessed week! The Lord is Risen!*