

# St. Stephen's

*United Methodist Church*

**SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> • 5<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**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
CCLI# 4046512

Esther Lee, piano  
Tammy Lydon, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pat Sawhney

One: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

**All: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.**

One: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

**All: Let all the people praise God with their voices and deeds of loving-kindness!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Pat Sawhney

**Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in our darkness and in the light which you bring. Hear our cries and our pleas for help. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**

O Praise Him  
CCLI# 4158022

Source Band

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside,  
the sound of angel's awe, the sound of angel's songs;  
and all this for a king.

We could join and sing all to Christ the king,  
how constant, how divine, this song of ours will rise.

O, how constant, how divine, this love of ours will rise, will rise.

O, praise him! O, praise him!  
He is holy, he is holy!

Turn your gaze to heaven, and raise a joyous noise.  
the sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones;  
and all this for a king.

Angels join to sing all for Christ the king,  
how infinite and sweet, this love so rescuing.

O, how infinitely sweet, this great love that has redeemed, as one we sing.

Alleluia, alleluia! He is holy, he is holy.

O, praise him! O, praise him! He is holy, he is holy!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Jiyeon

**OFFERTORY**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
CCLI# 27965

St. Stephen's Brass Ensemble

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 21:9-19 NRSV

**MESSAGE**

Serving Hope

Pastor Rob

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

Pastor Jiyeon

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

**Merciful God, as your children, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, and to be weaned from the elementary teachings of our faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than disobedience and slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the desire and commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as faithful and mature followers of Christ. 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 a right relationship. Hear this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Forrest

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.

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

And so, in remembrance of these 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 fruit of the vine between 12noon and 12:45pm.*

*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 have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19-like symptoms in the last fourteen (14) days, you should not attend.*

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Rob

**POSTLUDE**

O Thou, Who This Mysterious Bread  
CCLI #4224994

Tammy Lydon, organ

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

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