

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 9TH • 6^H SUNDAY OF EASTER • MOTHER'S DAY
IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SERVICE**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Forrest

One: Give thanks to God for new life and new hope.

All: Wonderful things God has done for us!

One: New life comes to us through the power of the Resurrection!

All: New hope comes because of God's love for us!

One: Wonderful things God has done for us!

All: Wonderful things God has done — and wonderful things God will yet do!

OPENING SONG MEDLEY O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing CCLI# 1369

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Jesus Shall Reign
CCLI#3703124

Jesus shall reign wherever the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Forrest

Almighty God, we have come to know the grace of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that through the love of your Spirit we may rise to new life. Make us radiant with Christ's glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG

Come As You Are
CCLI# 7017790

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been,
Come, broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come, find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel,
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal,
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Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame,
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed,
come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure.

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All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
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SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9:1-19a NRSV Pastor Jiyeon

MESSAGE Rising Hope Pastor Jiyeon

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Forrest

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 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus Tammy Lydon, piano
CCLI# 15960

Regular and gluten-free elements are available.

All elements are pre-packaged by TrueVine.

*We will partake of the elements of bread and fruit of the vine together
as a sign of unity in the Lord.*

BENEDICTION Pastor Jiyeon

POSTLUDE I Come with Joy Tammy Lydon, piano
CCLI# 2802284

Special thanks to our musicians for this Sunday:

Tim Anderson, Tammy Lydon, Teryl Pomeroy, Lauri Snider, and Marcus Williams.

Have a blessed week! The Lord is risen!