

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 • ASCENSION SUNDAY

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

Hail Thee, Festival Day
CCLI# 3271591

Esther Lee, piano
Tammy Lydon, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP *based upon Psalm 47:1, 5-6*

Ann Platenkamp

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

All: shout to God with loud songs of joy.

One: God has gone up with a shout;

All: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

All: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

OPENING PRAYER

Ann Platenkamp

O Lord God, your Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING SONG

Song of Hope
CCLI #5111477

Source Band

All things bright and beautiful, you are.
All things wise and wonderful, you are.
In my darkest night, you brighten up the skies;
a song will rise.

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

I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down;
just to know that you are near is enough,
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

All things new, I can start again.
Creator God, calling me your friend.
Sing praise, my soul, to the maker of the skies,
A song will rise.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah, sing, sing,
Oh, hallelujah, sing.

I will sing a song of hope, sing along,
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down;
just to know that you are near is enough,
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Promise
CCLI# 126529

Ed Baird, trumpet
Tammy Lydon, piano

In the bulb there is a flower in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11 NRSV

MESSAGE

Hope Grows

Pastor Rob

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Forrest

We Believe in Jesus Christ who was resurrected from the dead by God Almighty and is ascended into heaven.

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

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
CCLI#15960

Esther Lee, piano
Tammy Lydon, organ

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

Have a blessed week! The Lord is risen!