

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD • PENTECOST 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

Immortal, Invisible
CCLI# 124466

Tammy Lydon, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ross and Patti Keppler

Voice1: Listen, can you hear the wind?

Voice2: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Voice1: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

Voice2: For God has done wondrous things for us.

Voice1: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Voice2: We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

Voice1: We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

Voice2: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

OPENING PRAYER

Ross and Patti Keppler

God of wind and fire, gather us and embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to proclaim the Good News of your love and your presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

OPENING SONG:

Send the Fire
CCLI# 1075655

Source Band

O God of burning, cleansing flame; send the fire.
Your blood-bought gift today, we claim; send the fire today.
Look down and see this waiting host,
and send the promised Holy Ghost.
We need another Pentecost.
Send the fire today, send the fire today.

Sonja Tussing
Mike Keppler
Miriam Founda
Jerry Kohns

It's fire we want, for fire we plead; send the fire.
The fire will meet our every need; send the fire today.
For strength to always do what's right,
for grace to conquer in the fight,
for power to walk the world in white,
send the fire today, send the fire today.

To make our weak hearts strong and brave, send the fire.
To live, a dying world to save, send the fire today.
Oh, see us on your altar lay,
we give our lives to you today,
so crown the offering now we pray.
Send the fire today, send the fire today,
Send the fire today.

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 Jiyeon

OFFERTORY

Bist Du Bei Mir

Matthew Lydon, cello

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-8, 9a-21 NRSV

MESSAGE

Fire of Hope

Pastor Forrest

*WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS - CONFIRMATION

Leah Marina Ogletree

Lucas Stephen Sewall

Jonas Alexander Vant

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Pastor Jiyeon

One: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

All: **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Let It Breathe on Me

Tammy Lydon, organ

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

**In the event outdoor service cannot be held due to weather, Order of Worship may be adjusted.*

Have A Blessed Week!

