

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 • 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Platenkamp

One: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart; we have come to sing your praise;

All: We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

One: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

All: On the day we called, you answered us, you increased our strength of soul.

One: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

All: for they have heard the words of your mouth.

OPENING PRAYER

Ann Platenkamp

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new. We thirst for living waters; we yearn to know ourselves as your Resurrection People. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day, and create in us your new heaven and new earth. Speak to us words of comfort and hope, words of challenge and courage. Come! Move among us, we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG:

Take Me Over
CCLI# 7002496

Source Band

Here in the desert place, I've found nothing but a stone.
Here in the heat of day, my heart, it thirsts for you alone.
So let me know:

There's peace, peace like a river.
There's joy, joy like a fountain.
There's love, love like an ocean.
Take, take, take, take me over.

Your love is flowing down, you are the water to my soul.
Come flood the fallow ground, come now and make it beautiful.
So I would know:

There's peace, peace like a river.
There's joy, joy like a fountain.
There's love, love like an ocean.
Take, take, take, take me over.

There's peace, peace like a river.
There's joy, joy like a fountain.
There's love, love like an ocean.
Take, take, take, take me over.

Let it rain, let it rain down.
Let it rain down on me.
Let it rain, let it rain down.
Let it rain down on me.

There's peace, peace like a river.
There's joy, joy like a fountain.
There's love, love like an ocean.
Take, take, take, take me over.

There's peace, peace like a river.
There's joy, joy like a fountain.
There's love, love like an ocean.
Take, take, take, take me over.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Forrest

THANKSGIVING FOR THE CALLING MINISTRY AND MINISTERS

OFFERTORY AND TRIBUTE TO THE FATHERS

Good, Good Father
CCLI# 7036612

Source Band

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that you're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers, far and wide,
but I know we're all searching for answers only you provide,
because you know just what we need before we say a word.

You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us.

You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways.
You are perfect in all of your ways to us.

You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

You're a good, good Father.
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,
and I'm loved by you.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think.
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still,
as you call me deeper still into love, love, love.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Psalm 138, 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 NRSV

MESSAGE

Being Renewed

Pastor Rob

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Forrest

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SONG

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
CCLI# 7133368

Esther Lee, piano
Tammy Lydon, organ

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory
CCLI# 23426

Esther Lee, piano
Tammy Lydon, organ

Following the Livestream service, all are invited to a time of virtual fellowship via Zoom.

The link via your browser is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87330704814?pwd=YU43YXpvWkVrUGxrYlJDTIViS2F2QT09>

or via telephone:

Dial: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 873 3070 4814

Passcode: 763613

Have a blessed week!