

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 • 11 A.M. • 9TH 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 Forrest

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Platenkamp

One: God Speaks to us,

All: Even though we are broken.

One: God reveals truth to us,

All: Because we are broken.

One: God calls and uses us,

All: God uses the broken.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we admit we are broken people. We come seeking your wisdom to help us live a life worthy of your praise, and to praise you. Give us minds of fortitude and surround us with encouragement. So that when people fail us, we fail ourselves, or circumstances change, we will know that you are constant. Remind us of your promises, past, present, and future so we may rest assured in who you are and who you see us to be. May your words be true in our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

OPENING SONG

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

CCLI # 4768151

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone! I've been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone! I've been set free!
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here, below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Jiyeon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Rob

OFFERTORY

He's Always Been Faithful

Source Band

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 2:25 - 3:8 NRSV

MESSAGE

From the Broken

Pastor Forrest

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Jiyeon

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CCLI# 18723

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Forrest

POSTLUDE

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Tammy Lydon, organ

Flowers given in honor of teachers and caregivers by Laurie & Jed Perry.

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!