

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021 AT 11:00A.M. • 10TH 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

Psalm 95:1-2, 7a NRSV

Susan Fofi

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: For he is our God,

All: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

OPENING PRAYER

Susan Fofi

Gracious and loving God, we come this morning in the hope we find in you. It is a hope that has and will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times.

Refresh and renew us this morning with the living water of your glorious presence. Open us to new life and new possibilities as we encounter you in surprising and unexpected ways. Amen.

OPENING SONG

My Hope Is Built

CCLI# 2585446

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERTORY

It Is Well

Source Band

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Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of his voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard.

Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on you.
Through it all, through it all, it is well.
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on you,
and it is well with me.

Far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see;
and this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea.

So let go, my soul, and trust in him.
The waves and wind still know his name.

It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 5:1-11 NRSV

MESSAGE A Time to Boast Pastor Rob

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

BENEDICTION Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE O God, Our Help In Ages Past Tammy Lydon
CCLI# 7178686

Flowers given by Stephanie Oliver in memory of her father John Oliver.

Everyone is invited to come to St. Stephen's and drive-thru the parking lot to receive the elements of bread and fruit of the vine between 12 and 12:30 pm. Regular and gluten-free elements are available. All elements are pre-packaged by TrueVine.

Have a blessed week!