

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021 • 11:00am • 12TH 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>

GATHERING MUSIC Source Band

WELCOME Pastor Jiyeon

CALL TO WORSHIP Lesley Hatch

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

One: The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

All: Enter his gates of thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

OPENING PRAYER Lesley Hatch

O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come, and may have power to overcome the world and gain a blessed immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SONGS Open My Eyes, that I May See, vs. 1 UMH #454
CCLI# 704044

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, vs. 1 UMH #206
CCLI# 89848

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Jiyeon

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER Baptism of Abigail Nancy Ludington

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.

OFFERTORY In the Light Source Band
CCLI# 755574

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 1:1-2:2 NRSV

MESSAGE Life Revealed Pastor Rob

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Forrest

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

ASSURANCE

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

All: Alleluia! All glory to God. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies, vs. 1 & 3
CCLI# 2744043

UMH #173

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible
CCLI# 124466

Tammy Lydon, organ

Flowers given by Bunny and Ken Monroe in honor and joy of their 60th wedding anniversary.
Rosebud on altar in honor of baptism of Abigail Nancy Ludington, daughter of Sandy and Leighanne Ludington.

Have a blessed week!