

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 29, 2020

WELCOME AND A NOTE TO VISITORS

Welcome Visitor! We pray the service will be a blessing for you and that you will join us again soon. Thank you for worshiping with us — your presence is a joy to this faith community

(\*) Asterisk means, "Please Stand"

# The Gathering

#### Welcome

#### \*Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness; Holy God, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves; Holy God, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others; C Holy God, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation; Holy God, have mercy on us.

P: For not living like a child of God, and squandering the gifts of love and grace; Holy God, have mercy on us.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

C: Amen.

#### \*Opening Hymn

Red #879 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

> **REFRAIN** Christ, our God, to thee we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,

Sun and moon and stars of light: REFRAIN

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:

**REFRAIN** 

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, For the friends on earth and friends above: For all gentle thoughts and mild: REFRAIN

For each perfect gift of thine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n; For thyself, best gift divine,

To our world so freely giv'n: REFRAIN

#### \*Greeting

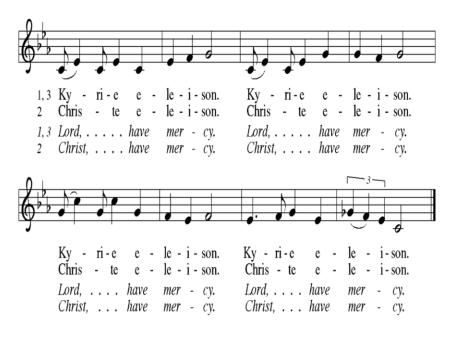
\*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

Service music #151

# Kyrie



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#### \*The Salutation

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

# \*Prayer of the Day

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P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

The Word of God

Children's Message

<u>First Reading</u>: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Celebrate insert pg. 1

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11 Celebrate insert pg. 3

R: Word of God, word of life **C: Thanks be to God.** 

(Please stand as you are able)

P: The holy gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

\*Holy Gospel John 11:1-45 Celebrate insert pg. 3

P: The gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor James Lapp

#### \*Hymn of the Day

"What Wondrous Love is This" Red #666

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And through eternity I'll sing on.

\*Prayers of the Church

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### \*Passing of the Peace

P: May the peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

#### <u>Offering</u>

\*Offertory Hymn "Give Me a Clean Heart" Margaret Douroux



# \*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### \*The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you. **C: And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to God our Creator

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who bids us turn to you and prepare for the Paschal feast.

#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*Lord's Prayer (sung)

C: Our Fa-ther in hea-ven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
For--give us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

#### **Invitation to Communion**

P: God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

#### **Holy Communion**

Visitors: You are most welcome to receive communion as part of this church family! If children have never communed before, they are encouraged to come forward and receive a special blessing. Communion is by intinction, which means that we dip the bread into the cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). The first Sunday of the month all choose their own small cup at the altar. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as to when you are to come forward and return to your seats to make room for others.

<u>Lamb of God</u> LMGM2



# Communion Hymn

"Eat This Bread" Red #472

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

# \*Communion Blessing and Prayer

P: May this Holy Communion of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: Amen.

# \*Post Communion Hymn

Service music #200



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### \*Blessing

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
+ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and peace.

Amen.

# \*Closing Hymn

"Shepherd Me, O God" Red #780

Refrain:

Shepherd me, O God, Beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
Rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (Refrain)

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of your name. (Refrain)

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (Refrain)

# \*Dismissal

\*P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

# **Our Mission Statement**

St. Stephen's is a welcoming, healing community who worship God in Christ, nurture people growing in faith, serve others with acceptance and love, invite people to share the joy of the Spirit.

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#### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Short Term:** Suzanne Duval, Vanessa, Rose, Shelly Barker & family, Scott Ruble & family, Family of Pr. Bonnie, George Webber & Family, Cox Family, Kim, Mary Kelly, Trippel family, Grandma Joyce, Marlene Simmen, Lily Williams, Duke, Michael, Kimberly & Danny, Lora Schraft Poulson, Debbie, Julie, Nana, Kelly, Barbara Allen, Doug Hahn, Jay, Kirstin, Michael, Kayla, Sam, Nancy, Don, Lina, Katarina, Taiyo, Mateo, Stephanie Jager, Cabel, Kyle, Esdras, Jackson, Joe, Pat, Riley, Shelby, Frank, Kaitlyn, Daniel, Ryder, Jenny, Abby, Healthcare workers, Immigrant families, The Homeless, Our Nation's leaders, Mt. Cross, St. Stephen's Child Development Ctr, Pastor Jim and Our Church Family.

Long Term: people of the Bahamas, The Sanders Family, Sue Gibson, Ernestine Bartee,

Barbara & John Bartee, Linda Johnson, Bailey Ingalls, Jan Shadle, Vi Olly, Susan Anderson, Rick, Bobbie Erickson, Edna Lindquist, Richard C., Eric VonSchell, Lauri Hollist, Ken Pahel, Pat M., Gary, Brouse Family, Janet Baker, Sandy Godvine, Janelle Yung, Barry & Barbara, Chris & Lorie Juhl, Karin, Will, Chris, Pat Hubbard, Cathy, Pearl Runquist, Volpi & Robe Family, men and women of Armed Forces, the President, and the Youth of today

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