



ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



“Walking With Jesus”
Luke 24:13-35

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe
Senior Pastor

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
(by Albert L. Peace)

Dr. Andreea Mut

Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145)

David Massey

One: I will lift you up high, my God, the true king.
I will bless your name forever and always.

**All: My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy
name forever and always.**

One: I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and always.
The Lord is great and so worthy of praise!

**All: My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy
name forever and always.**

One: The Lord is great and so worthy of praise!
God's greatness can't be grasped.

**All: My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy
name forever and always.**

One: One generation will praise your works to the next one,
proclaiming your mighty acts.

**All: My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise,
and every living thing will bless God's holy
name forever and always.**

*HYMN

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

Rev. Suzi Byrd
Pastor of Music and Worship

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heav'n in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

*AFFIRMATION

St. Stephen's Affirmation of Faith

David

**We believe in God who claims us as beloved children
whose love unites us when the world would divide us.**

**We believe in Jesús Christ our living Savior and example
whose love knows no bounds.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to transform the world,
who speaks through the stories of scripture to transform our own stories.**

**We believe in the Church who is the body of Christ,
and does not belong to us, whose work cannot be contained by a building.**

We worship God together proclaiming God's love for us and our love for God and each other.

**We act in God's name, knowing God is at work all around us, calling us to join in,
claiming us all as beloved.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Suzi

PRAYER

Nathan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Steven Fisher
Director of Family Ministries

*HYMN

You Are Mine

Suzi

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me
**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.***

*I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.
**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.***

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk and live!
**Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.***

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

Alexandra Forseth

13 On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. 15 While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. 16 They were prevented from recognizing him. 17 He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast. 18 The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?" 19 He said to them, "What things?" They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. 20 But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. 22 But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. 26 Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets. 28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?" 33 They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" 35 Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

*SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: **Lord, transform us through its hearing.**

SERMON "Walking With Jesus" Nathan

OFFERING PRAYER *You can give using your smartphone!
Text a dollar amount to 84321 and select St. Stephen's.*

OFFERING *Our Communion offering for the month of April will go to U.M. ARMY*

OFFERTORY Oceans Suzi
(by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm) Played by St. Stephen's Band
and Julia Byrd

*DOXOLOGY Suzi
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Nathan

*CLOSING HYMN Suzi
O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee
*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.*
*Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.*
*Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;*
*In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.*

*BENEDICTION Nathan

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur in C Andreaea
(by Theodore Salome)

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**



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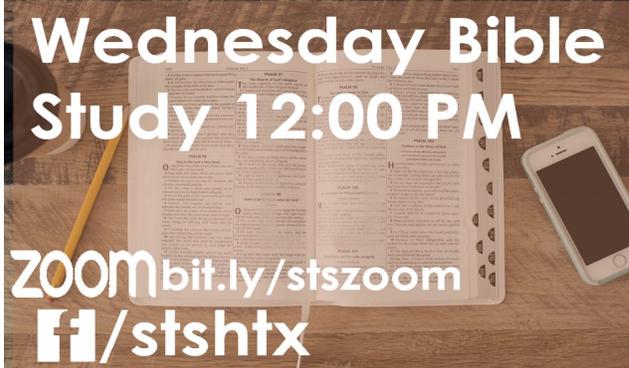


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 Wednesdays at 730 PM

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April Communion Offering: U.M. ARMY

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