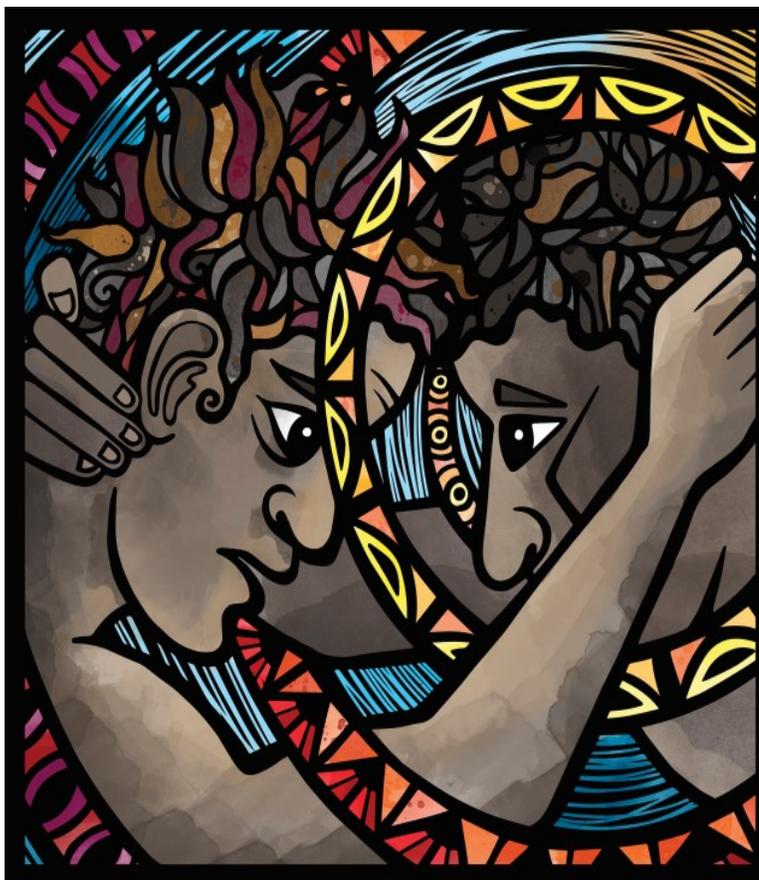




ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



JOB

“Job: God’s Response”

Job 42:1-8

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

11:00 am

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Velez

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(by Gesangbuch der Herzogl)*

Dr. Andreea Muț, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Taken from Psalm 46)

Isabella Byrd, Liturgist

All: **God is our refuge and strength,**
One: a help always near in times of great trouble.
All: **God is our refuge and strength.**
One: That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,
 when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea,
All: **God is our refuge and strength,**
One: when its waters roar and rage,
 when the mountains shake because of its surging waves.
All: **God is our refuge and strength.**
One: There is a river whose streams gladden God's city,
 the holiest dwelling of the Most High.
All: **God is our refuge and strength.**
One: God is in that city. It will never crumble.
 God will help it when morning dawns.
All: **God is our refuge and strength.**
One: The Lord of heavenly forces is with us!
 The God of Jacob is our place of safety.
All: **God is our refuge and strength.**

*HYMN

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King
(verses 1, 2, and 3)*

Rev. Suzi Byrd and Rev. Heather Velez,
Pastoral Music and Worship Team

*1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 70)

Suzi

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Steven Fisher, Director of Family Ministries

PRAYER

Heather

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

*SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42: 1-8

Isabella, Reader

Job answered the Lord: **2** I know you can do anything; no plan of yours can be opposed successfully. **3** You said, "Who is this darkening counsel without knowledge?" I have indeed spoken about things I didn't understand, wonders beyond my comprehension. **4** You said, "Listen and I will speak; I will question you and you will inform me." **5** My ears had heard about you, but now my eyes have seen you. **6** Therefore, I relent and find comfort on dust and ashes. **7** After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, he said to Eliphaz from Teman, "I'm angry at you and your two friends because you haven't spoken about me correctly as did my servant Job. **8** So now, take seven bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Job, and prepare an entirely burned offering for yourselves. Job my servant will pray for you, and I will act favorably by not making fools of you because you didn't speak correctly, as did my servant Job."

*SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

One: Inspired words for beloved people.

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

SERMON

"Job: God's Response"

Heather

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

Rev. Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe

*Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Nathan at 512-771-2741.
You can give using your smartphone! Text a dollar amount to 84321 and select St. Stephen's.
Our Communion offering for November will go to Garden Oaks Montessori Magnet School.*

OFFERTORY

*Christ Has Broken Down the Wall
(by Mark Miller)*

Suzi
Sung by the Houston Virtual Choir
Caroline Leffler, Soloist

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND *BENEDICTION

Nathan

May the love of God surround you. May the love of God uplift you. May the love of God stand with you through the challenges ahead. May the love of God convince you, in every situation, to love. Go now to love others, even as Christ loves you.

1. *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.***

2. *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.***

*His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.*

***On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.***

***Please stand as you are able.**



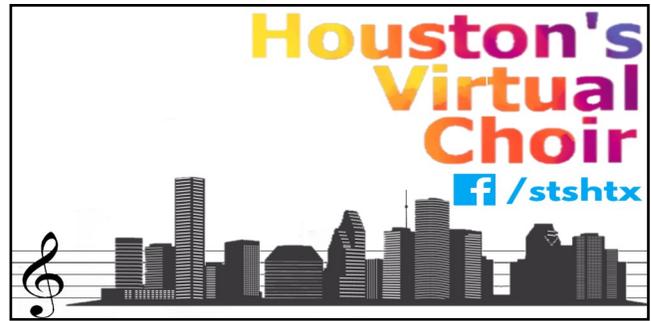
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November Communion Offering

**“Light in the Darkness”
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