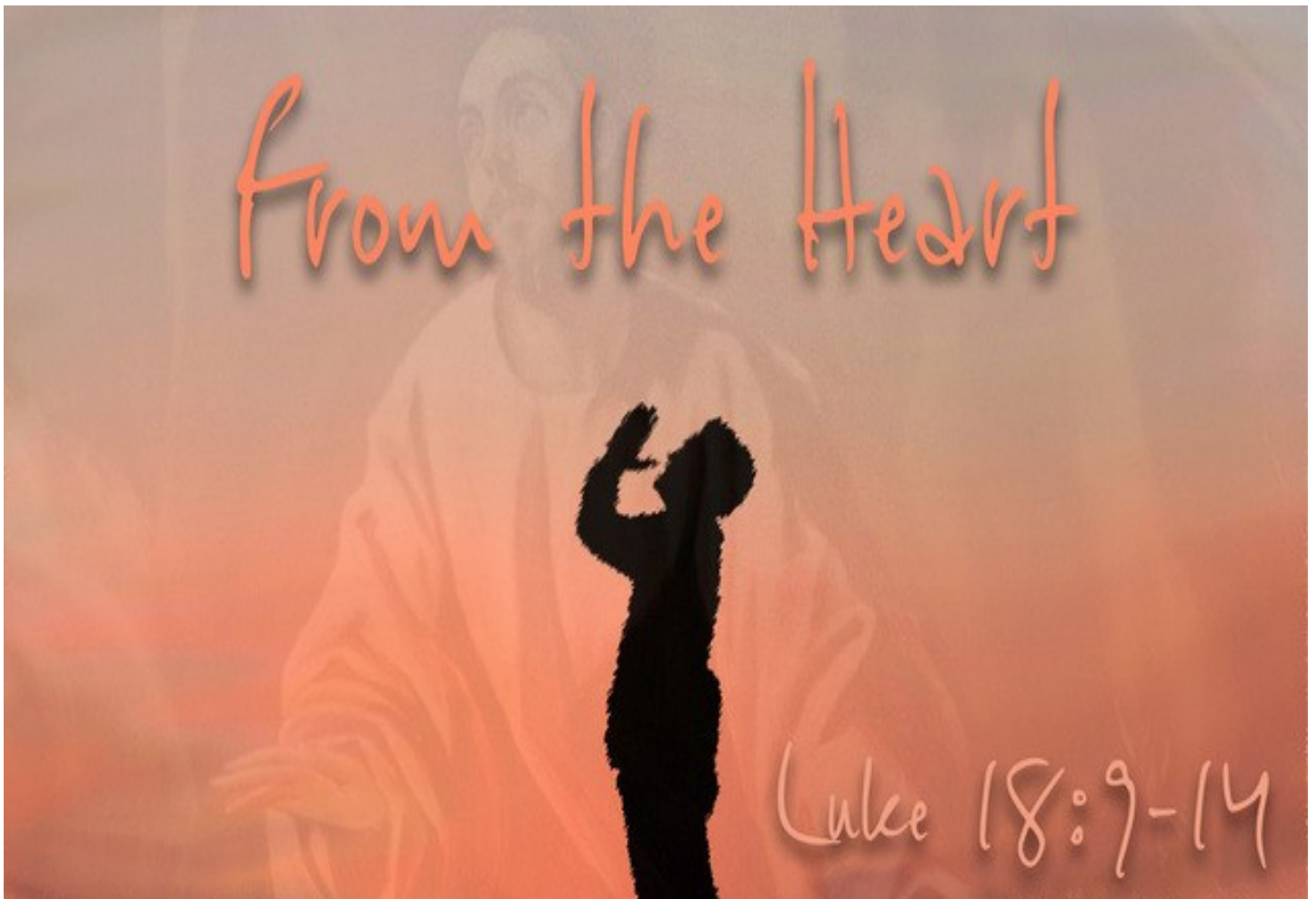




ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



From the Heart
Luke 18:9-14

October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26th, 2025
10:30 am

WELCOME
PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

He Hideth My Soul
(arr. by Lloyd Larson)

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Two people went to the temple to pray — one proud of his goodness, one honest about his need.

All: We worship the God who hears the humble heart and lifts up those who seek mercy.

One: The proud trusted in their own righteousness, but the humble found grace beyond measure.

All: We worship the God who hears the humble heart and lifts up those who seek mercy.

One: God does not look at our status or strength, but at hearts open in truth and repentance.

All: We worship the God who hears the humble heart and lifts up those who seek mercy.

One: Let us come before God as we are, trusting in mercy that restores and love that renews.

All: We worship the God who hears the humble heart and lifts up those who seek mercy. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Abide With Me

UMH 700

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Korean Creed

UMH 884

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 18:9-14](#) (NRSV)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON

"From the Heart"

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

You can give using your smartphone!

Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's.

Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Trey at

713-409-4618 or trey@stshtx.org

Our Communion offering for October will benefit [Houston Area Women's Center](#).

MISSION MOMENT

ANTHEM

"Goodness of God"

Mary Gossett, Solo

(by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, and Brian Johnson)

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

Depth of Mercy

UMH 355

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Just As I Am

(arr. By Gordon Young)

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

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith we Sing

Senior Pastor: Rev. Trey Comstock

Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher

Accompanist: Dr. Andreea Mutu

Song Leader: Mary Gossett

Liturgist: Martha Hall



Scan this code or [tap here](#) to sign into worship or make a prayer request.



October Communion Offering:
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To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

YOGA CLASSES

Thursday Evenings
6:15 & 7:15 P.M.

Room 201

**DAY OF THE DEAD/
ALL SAINTS DAY
CELEBRATION**

A Remembrance Altar
will be available in the Narthex.

Feel free bring photos or items of
your passed loved one.

November 02, 2025

ST. STEPHEN'S UMC

GREAT HEIGHTS

BIBLE STUDY AND
SERMON CONVERSATION
TONIGHT AT 5PM

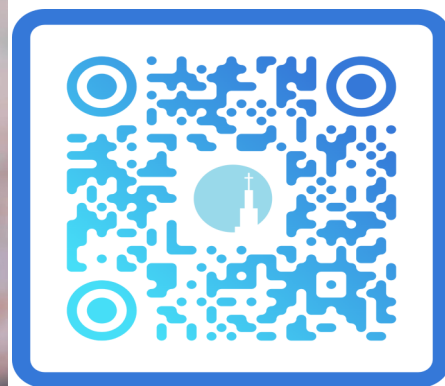
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flowers*

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or call the church office

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50% will be directly spent on ministry in our community.



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Join Us!

St. Stephen's is a church with an exciting vision for loving God and our neighbors. If you want to learn more about our church, more about who Jesus is and why that matters, or just about anything else, Trey would love to meet with you! Call or text him at 713-409-4618.

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