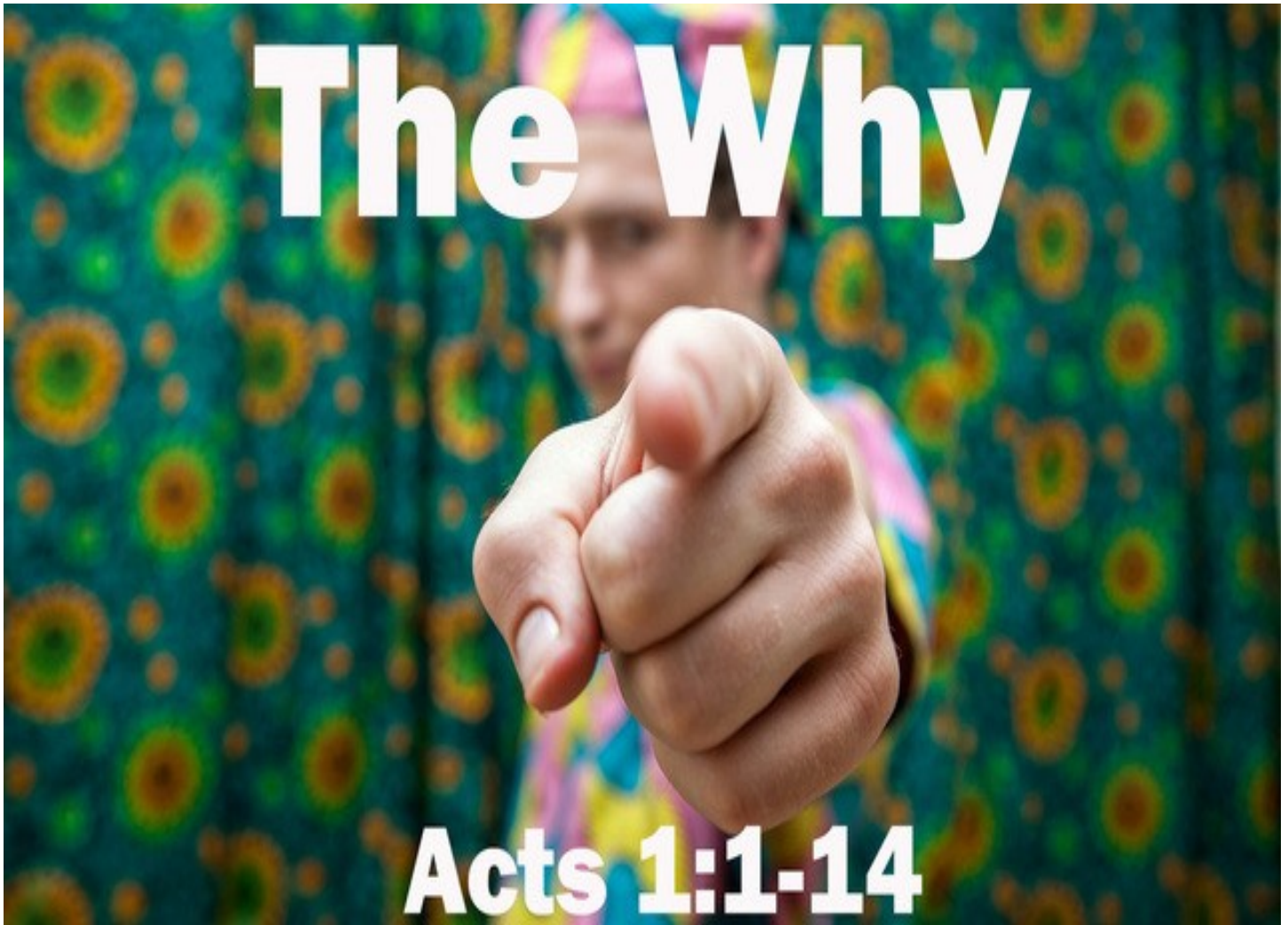




**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
united methodist church



**“The Why”**

**Acts 1:1-14**

**May 17th, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17th, 2026**  
**10:30 am**

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
(arr. By Joel Raney)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ calls us not to stand still, but to move faithfully into the work God has given us to do.

**All: Send us, O God, to live as the Body of Christ in a world longing for hope and healing.**

One: Gathered in prayer and hope, the followers of Jesus began to discover their life together in a new way.

**All: Send us, O God, to live as the Body of Christ in a world longing for hope and healing.**

One: Through the Spirit, ordinary people are joined together to carry Christ’s love into a broken world.

**All: Send us, O God, to live as the Body of Christ in a world longing for hope and healing.**

One: As we worship, we offer ourselves again to the mission of Christ — to serve, to heal, and to bear witness in the world.

**All: Send us, O God, to live as the Body of Christ in a world longing for hope and healing. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

UMH 62

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

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

[Acts 1:1-14 \(NRSVUE\)](#)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

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

SERMON

**“The Why”**

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](mailto:trey@stshtx.org)*

*Our Communion offering for May will benefit [UMCOR](#)*

ANTHEM

\*DOXOLOGY

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

UMH 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

UMH 117

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*“Lift High the Cross”  
(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 Muț**  
**Song Leader: Ron Bruns**  
**Liturgist: Sidney Foster**



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To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

**SEWING CIRCLE**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAYS  
 FROM 10 AM - 1 PM

**THE STORY**  
 MAY 10 - JUNE 7  
 SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M. | ROOM 101

**EXPERIENCING FAITH**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS**  
 JULY 6-10

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**  
 FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!  
 COFFEEBURY KIDS

**SMALL BOOKS BIG TRUTH**

THURSDAYS  
 6:30PM  
 ROOM 101  
 and ZOOM

**UMYF**

TODAY 3-5 PM

**UM ARMY**  
 JUNE 21-27

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