

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Sixth Wednesday in Lent  
Worship Service  
April 6, 2022 ▪ 6:30 p.m.



GATHERING

Prelude

**“Do Justice”**

Verse:

**Racing around, chasing idols, unfulfilled, empty vessels.  
World on the edge, out of control, will we survive, God only knows.**

Refrain:

**Do justice, love mercy,  
Walk humbly with our God, with our God.**

Verse:

**People broken, falling pieces, dignity lost, loving ceases.  
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces, yearning hearts, hurting places.  
[Refrain]**

Verse:

**Deadly hunger, desperate crying, wounded living, children dying.  
Nails in flesh, piercing fear, why can't we see Christ hanging here.  
[Refrain X3]**

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**“Come to the Water of Life”**

**O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?**

**And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?**

**And let all who toil,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary,  
let them come to the Lord:  
all who labor, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest,  
except for the Lord?**

And let all the poor,  
let them come to the water,  
Bring the ones who are laden,  
bring them all to the Lord:  
bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light:  
come to the Lord.

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## Welcome

### \* Singing Bowl

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### \* Gathering Song

**“Here is Bread”**

Verse 1

**Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here**

Verse 2

**Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here**

Chorus

**In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here**

Verse 3

**Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified**

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### \* Opening

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Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
**and illumine your church.**  
Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
**now is the day of salvation.**  
Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
**that the light of your face may shine on us.**  
May your justice shine like the sun;  
**and may the poor be lifted up.**

\* **Lenten Canticle**

"Beautiful Things"

Verse:

**All this pain. I wonder if I'll ever find my way;  
I wonder if my life could really change ... at all.**

Verse:

**All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;  
Could a garden come up from this ground ... at all?**

Refrain:

**You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.  
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.**

Verse:

**All around hope is springing up from this old ground.  
Out of chaos, life is being found ... in You.**

Refrain (Twice)

Bridge (Twice):

**You make me new, You are making me new.  
You make me new, You are making me new.**

Refrain (Twice)

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\* **Prayer of the Day**

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We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,  
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have graciously protected us today.  
We ask you to forgive us all our sins,  
where we have done wrong,  
and graciously to protect us tonight.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves:  
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.  
Let your holy angels be with us.  
**Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Lesson for the Day**

**Matthew 26:26-29**

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God**

**Meditation**

**Pastor John**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petition response* Leader: ... Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

\* **Lord's Prayer**

**"God Our Father, King of Heaven"**

Verse:

**God our Father, King of heaven, let your kingdom come.  
On the earth as in your heaven, let your will be done.**

Verse:

**Ev'rything we need you've given; bread for ev'ry day.  
In your mercy we're forgiven, may we show your grace.**

Refrain:

**Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.**

Verse:

**Lead us not into temptation, help us walk your ways.  
Lord, deliver us from evil, hear us as we pray.**

Refrain:

**Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.**

Bridge:

**For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever, forevermore. x2**

Refrain:

**Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.**

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**WE GO INTO THE WORLD**

\* **Blessing**

Almighty God,  
the Father, ✝ the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us.  
**Amen.**

\* **Hymn**

**"Lord, I Need You"**

Verse:

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

Refrain:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.**

Verse:

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.**

Refrain x2

Tag:

**My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need you.**

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