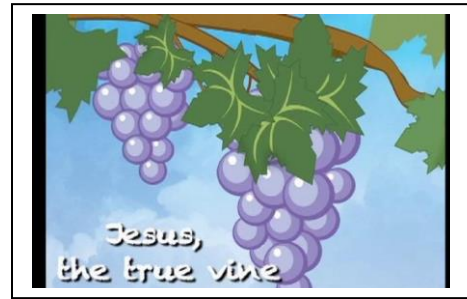


St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
Fort Worth, Texas
Children's Sabbath
Service for the LORD's Day

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday After Easter



Entering the Presence of God

Prelude

Easter Joy
St. Swithun Handbell Guild

Michael Helman (b. 1956)

Peal of the Tower Bells

Call to Worship

Children of God, you are welcome here!
Welcome to this church, full of love and hope.
God invites all of us to be an important part of this church,
Let us worship God because God's love is shared freely here!

Nolan Elder and Parent

†Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFYDOL

†Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you created me inside and out.
Body and brain and soul, I am marvelously made,
What a creation I am, and all of us, too!
We thank you for being so mighty, so big, so loving!
We adore you, God. We all do!
Amen.

Elizabeth Scott and Parent

†Passing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please stand and greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

Jack Smith and Parent

†Gloria Patri 580

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SCOTTISH

Hearing the Word of God

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HUDSON SAPP

Acts of the Apostles

Chapter 9: 36-43

This is the Word of the LORD

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Children's Choir

Spiritual

Epistle Lesson

I John 4:7 – 11, 19 – 21

Eli Smith, Kennedi Fultz

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Processional Hymn 175

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

†Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

Lilah Ervin, Seth Ervin

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: *"Abiding for Fruitfulness"*

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth J. Callender, *Pastor*

Time of Reflection

†Hymn 157

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

†Affirmation of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)*

Noah Doneski

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the righthand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Mission

VBS Volunteers

Beth Fultz, Hudson Sapp,
Margaret and David Germany, and DJ Fultz

Invitation to Discipleship

Payten Fultz, Margaret Germany

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Let Us Love One Another* (2019)

Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Let us love one another for love is from God.

Everyone who loves God is born of God and knows God.

One who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God sent his Son so that we might live; God sent his Son so that we might be forgiven.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

†Doxology 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession to the World

Noah Doneski, Riley Smith

God of hope, we lift up those who are sad, lost, and without hope.

Fill their hearts with your joy, your guidance, your hope.

Comfort them with your presence and remind them of your promises.

Renew their strength and pull them out of the deep.

May they find hope and security in you, even amid trials.

Comfort them with your presence and remind them of your promises.

LORD, use us as ships of hope, to encourage and lift up those who are tired.

Remind us, also, to rejoice in the LORD, always.

Do not worry about anything, but talk to God in prayer about everything.

Comfort them with your presence and remind them of your promises.

Remind us, again, that whatever is true, honorable, just, pure and pleasing,

Help us to think on these things.

May be the God of peace be with us all.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

The LORD's Prayer

Noah Doneski, Riley Smith

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we

forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Departing By God's Grace

†Hymn 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

†Charge and Benediction

Rowan Garcia and Parent

Jesus is the Vine, we are the Branches.
Let's go out and wrap our branches around those
Who need to be a part of our Vine!
Go, now in Peace!

Peal of the Tower Bells

Postlude:

Improvisation on 'Jesus Loves Me'

Thank you to Connor Gaffney (4), and his parents, Scott Gaffney and Courtney Mullins,
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Think. Serve. Worship. Belong.

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