



**St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
Norman, Oklahoma**



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**This Week at St. Stephen's:**

<b>Today:</b>		
6:00	Meditation	Zoom
2:00	Kids Library Time	Loggia
<b>Monday:</b>		
9:00	Kids Library Time	Zoom
<b>Tuesday: Food &amp; Shelter meal</b>		
7:00	White Privilege class	Zoom
<b>Wednesday:</b>		
2:30	Sacred Journey	Zoom
7:00	Choir	Zoom
<b>Thursday:</b>		
1:30	Mary Magdalene book group	Zoom
<b>Friday:</b>		
<b>Saturday:</b>		

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God calls us to be partners in community and partners for justice. In the Spirit of Christ we will:

- ❖ *Care for one another*
- ❖ *Offer sanctuary and healing*
- ❖ *United head and heart*
  - ❖ *Do justice*

*July 26, 2020*

*10:50am and online*

Gathering Thoughts

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Meditation

It is the fool who thinks he cannot be fooled.

*Joey Skaggs*

The surest way to be deceived is to consider oneself cleverer than others.

*Francois de La Rochefoucauld*

It is twice the pleasure to deceive the deceiver.

*Jean de La Fontaine*

Ring the Bell

11:00 - Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

One: Waiting is never easy for us.

**Many: We are a culture of "instant" response.**

One: Today, God is asking us to wait; to be patient.

**Many: It is not going to be easy for us to do that.**

One: Yet we can do nothing other than wait. And hope, and pray.

**Many: The day will come, when our waiting will be done, when we will move forward again.**

*Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters*

Hymn

"Give Me Jesus"

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Prayer

**All too often we find that we run into those who would deceive us, trick us. The temptation is to turn about and do the same to them, or to others. But God, you see us. You see when we are less than genuine, and when we lash out in frustration. When we give in to this temptation, we deceive and disappoint. Help us, O God, to step back and be patient, to resist acting out our frustration. Help us to see ourselves clearly, that we may more clearly live into the image you have for us. Help us to see others with the patient and loving eyes that you have for all of us. Today, this is our prayer. Amen.**

Sing to our Kids

"Where Children Belong"

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Children's Time

Offering Ourselves, Our Tithes, Gifts, and Prayers

(Please place any written joys or concerns in the offering.)

Offertory

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Genesis 29: 15-28

Sermon

"The Trickster"

Rev. Jeannie Himes

Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Alternative Version

**Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.**

*JBurklo, 2010*

Benediction

Rhythmic Sending Forth

Postlude

Altar Arrangement

Sally Vandewater

**Give Me Jesus**

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*African American spiritual*

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- Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.**
2. **I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, I heard my mother say, give me Jesus.**
- Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.**
3. **Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.**
- Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.**
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