



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



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This Week at St. Stephen's:

Today:		
4:00	Youth	Zoom
6:00	Meditation	Zoom
Monday:		
7:00	Administrative Council	Zoom
Tuesday: Food & Shelter Meal		
7:00	White privilege class	Zoom
7:00	Fiction Club	Zoom
Wednesday:		
2:30	Sacred Journey	Zoom
7:00	Choir	Zoom
Thursday:		
Friday:		
6:30	Living Room NA	Community Hall
Saturday:		

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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

September 20, 2020

8:30 am, 10:50am and online

Gathering Thoughts

Sharing our Joys and Concerns (10:50)

Meditation

Complaining not only ruins everybody else's day, it ruins the complainer's day, too.

The more we complain, the more unhappy we get.

Dennis Prager

Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise.

Alice Walker

Manna, basically a word that means "what is it?" is a bread-like substance that fell from heaven, and that tasted like honey. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

The Interpreter's Bible

Ring the Bell

11:00 - Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship:

One: Descendants of Abraham and Sarah, remember the wonderful works of God: miracles, judgements, and abundance, food from heaven, water in the desert, words to live by.

Many: Ponder God's realm of statutes and laws, of covenant kept in surprising ways.

One: Ponder a realm where the last are first.

Many: Remember the wonderful works of God.

From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2011, edited by Scifres and Beu

Hymn

"All Who Hunger"

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Centering Prayer

God of life and wisdom, we lay before you the idle grumblings that often overtake us. When daily annoyances come, may we be aware enough of your abundance that joy may overcome bitterness. Where we have real complaints, grant us first the grace of self-examination and then the gifts of careful, honest speech and listening hearts. And when the answer is unexpected – like manna instead of fleshpots, or the last paid first – help us discern the signs, wonders, habits, and ways of your coming realm. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

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Sing to our Kids

"Where Children Belong"

black #2233

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

Exodus 16: 2-15

Sermon

"Recognizing Manna"

Rev. Jeannie Himes

Reflection

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns (8:30)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Sung (8:30)

The Lord's Prayer – (10:50)

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 the food we need and forgive our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us all. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, forever, and ever. Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Benediction

Sending Forth

"Song of Hope"

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Postlude

Altar Arrangement

Susan Arn

All Who Hunger**black #2126***Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan; Music by William Moore*

1. **All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
2. **All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
3. **All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Song Of Hope**black # 2186***Words by Alvin Schutmaat; Music Argentine folk melody*

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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