

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**Welcome to Sunday Service**  
**October 06, 2024**  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rev.: Jaime Torres**  
Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

**Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn**  
**Reader: Carolyn Diaz**

**\*Gathering Hymn: "This is the Day" "Este es el Dia"**

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Open the doors and shout greetings to St. Stephen's Anglican Church!**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Carry greetings across the railroad tracks to those we never meet.**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Send messages and e-mails to Good Christian Friends in Africa and Asia, South America and Europe!**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Extend your hand of fellowship to both the shelters and the mansions, to the projects and the gated communities.**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Reach out your arms to gather in the little ones and the not-so-little, the vulnerable and the ones who think they have to do it all on their own.**

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!

**All: Remember that we are one HUGE family!!! How good and pleasant it is for Christians to live together in unity!**

**Prayer of Confession** All: Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Prayers may be offered.**

**Liturgist:** Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And, with you!** (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

**Liturgist: \*Prayer before the Offering**

God of grace and mercy, as we bring our gifts before you today, we remember your infinite love that

welcomes everyone, especially the vulnerable and the overlooked. Just as Jesus embraced the little children, we bring our offerings, hoping to reflect our dedication to living out your kingdom's values. Help us to see and meet the needs around us with open hearts and willing hands, extending your grace and compassion to all. Bless these gifts and use them to further your work in our community and beyond, so everyone may know and feel your love. Amen. (Mark 10:2-16)

\*Offertory Song / Music

Joy Asenas

**\*Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week .....**

**Pastor:** The Lord's Prayer

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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.

**\*Preparation Hymn "I want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH # 521**

**\*Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament-** Judi Hartshorn **Psalm 26**

**New Testament –** Carolyn Diaz **Mark 10:2-16**

**Communion**

**Message "Such as These"** Rev. Jaime Torres

**\*Hymn of Commitment "Salmo 117" MVPC #310 (Spanish)**

**\*Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People:** Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18<sup>th</sup> Century).

**Liturgist Announcements:** Coffee House meets at McDonalds Thursday's 10:00am.

**Blessings for the people (Pastor)**

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, Go in the confidence of people who have found mercy through him, keeping the commandments and letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, And may God come close to you and keep you safe; may Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need. both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

**\*Closing song** May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. (Means to stand as you are able: in body or in spirit.)