Sunday, October 13, 2013 Stephen Ministry Sunday 8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord’s presence.

Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

*“Be still and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE  *“Larghetto”* - Handel

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 83*

Leader: O God, do not keep silence;

Do not hold Your peace or be still, O God!

**People: Let them know that You alone, whose name is the Lord,**

**are the Most High over all the earth.**

\*HYMN *“Thou I May Speak” No. 341*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**Gracious and eternal God, we live within a world that needs a glimpse of Your kingdom. You charge us with providing that glimpse through our lives and through our example. But we often fall short of what You require of us. We would rather embrace the world around us and its wayward path instead of being focused on You and Your way. Forgive us Lord, lead us from glory into glory. Deliver us from evil and make us confident of Your promises. We pray this through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

*[Please share Christ’s peace with one another with*

*handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *“Morning Has Broken”* *No. 469*

**Morning has broken like the first morning**

**Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children’s Message)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OVERVIEW OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT p698)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 15:18-25 (NT p110)*

SERMON The Gospel of JohnRev. Robert Bronkema

*“Does the World Hate Us?”*

\*HYMN *“I’m Going to Live So God Can Use Me”* No. 369

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* – Carter Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

\*HYMN *“Take My Life and Let It Be”* *No. 391*

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

\*POSTLUDE  *“Rejoice the Lord is King!”* – Swann

***“Come As You Are”***

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

\*Praise & Worship

*Mighty to Save*

*Came to My Rescue*

*Majesty*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message

Overview of Stephen Ministry

Scripture Reading:

*Jeremiah 1:4-10; John 15:18-25*

Sermon  *“Does the World Hate Us?”*

\*Closing Song

*I Will Follow*

\*Benediction

Sermon Notes:

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