



Saint Stephen by Carlo Crivelli, 1476
From the Demidoff Altarpiece

Worship for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

I Surrender All

arr. Phillip Keveren

*All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all; All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all. - Judson W. Van De Venter*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Savannah Jungers

Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words

Gregg Morton

One: We come together as the church;

All: not a building of wood or stone, but a spiritual family.

One: We will be the living stones that shout praise even when others are silent.

All: God redeems us, joins us together; and builds us up.

*Hymn 301 v 1-3, 5

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Call to Confession

Gregg

One: Scripture assures us that whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame.
Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not always obeyed your word. We have held malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; we have been too quick to judge others and too easily lob words of hatred and vitriol; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Open us to hear the truth-telling of others who care for us. Forgive our sins and shortcomings. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Siblings in Christ, once we were not a people,

All: but now we are God's people;

One: once we had not received mercy,

All: but now we have received God's mercy.

Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
refrain, verse 1, refrain

HALLE, HALLE

A Time with Youngest Children

Kristin Duy

Prayer for Inspiration

Gregg

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1 - 7:2a, 7:51- 8:1a

Gregg & Beth

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Acts of Compassion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Come to [God], a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5, NRSV updated version

Offering Our Gifts to God



Invitation to Offering

Gregg

Offertory

Wellspring of Life

Jason W. Krug

Clarion Bell Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

QR Code for Giving

***Prayer of Dedication**

Celebrating 25 years of Stephen Ministry at CPC

Barb Coop

Active Stephen Ministers and Leaders:

Barb Coop, leader

Gregg Morton, leader

Carol Crimmins, leader

Gary Coop

Wayne Leopold

Kit Olah

Ann Jaltuch

BettyAnn Morton

Janet Plate

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Church Tidings

Susan

Minute for Mission: Welcome to America with Exodus World Service

Linda Cirillo

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray

One: We lift our prayers to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

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 sins,

as we forgive those who sin 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.

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given in honor of and gratitude of Stephen Ministry programs from Barb & Gary Coop

USHERS: Gary Coop, Betty Ann Morton

LITURGIST: Gregg Morton

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

ACOLYTE: Savannah Jungers

AV: Robert Monson, Andrew Petersen

Next Sunday in Worship, May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation

9:30 am

John 14:15-21

Acts 17:22-28



CPC CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

The trained Stephen Ministers of CPC have been offering care, listening and support during challenging times for 25 years! Since 1998, CPC Stephen Ministers have offered support to many people.

Click here to learn more about "[What is a Stephen Minister?](#)"

If you'd like to explore the support a Stephen Ministry may offer you, please contact Barb Coop at bac1734@gmail.com



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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 14

Our ninth grade students have jumped into their year of faith exploration with enthusiasm and dedication. On May 14th, we celebrate them and welcome them into this next chapter of their faith journey! Join us in worship and for a post-service reception to meet these amazing students and hear about their experiences!



This week at CPC:

Sunday, May 7

25th Anniversary of Stephen Ministry at CPC

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Sunday School; Prospect Park

5:00 pm — CPC Youth Epic Trivia Night; FH

Monday, May 8

7:00 pm — Session; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, May 9

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Zoom

Wednesday, May 10

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, May 11

9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions;
Chapel/Zoom

NO Clarion Bell Rehearsal

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

Sunday, May 14

Communion / Confirmation Sunday

9:30 am — Worship

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (**TODAY!**). Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL~kids 3 yrs - 5th grade

Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.

After a Time For Children all are invited to go to Prospect Park for an end of the Sunday School year celebration.



CPC YOUTH EPIC TRIVIA NIGHT!

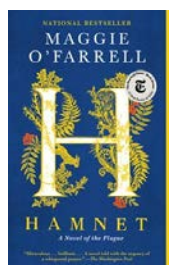
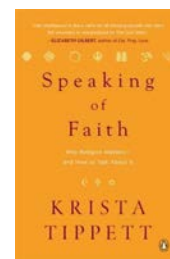
All incoming 6th grade families, continuing middle school, and high school families are invited to our epic trivia tonight from 5-7pm! Dinner will be served, competition will be had, AND we are raising money for our high school caravans! All exciting things to be a part of so drop in and come by for our epic trivia night as we celebrate our year together and kick-off an exciting summer! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact **Pastor Susan**.



THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

Thursdays, 9:00 -10:30 am

Join us to read and discuss *Speaking of Faith* by Krista Tippett. Join us in person or on [Zoom](#).



CIRCLE OF VOICES

May 17

9:30 am

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *Hamnet* by **Maggie O'Farrell**. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.



COMPASSION CAMP; VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Changing the World with Loving Kindness

August 14 - 18

9am - 11:30 ~ Snack Included

4yrs - 5th grade

Cost: Register Early for Discount:

April 28 - June 2; \$50 for the first child/\$30 for each additional child

June 3 - July 14; \$60 for the first child/ \$30 for each additional child

*reach out to Kristin Duy if you would like scholarship information

Through Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs, children will explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how they can have compassion for the living earth. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, and kinship, kids will consider how to become participants in the work of God’s creation.

A typical morning will include: Gathering and Music, Bible Story, Crafts & Activities, Movement & Games & Compassion in Action

Simply click [HERE](#) to add your child's name to the sign-up list.
Full registration paperwork and payment information to come!



News of THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Making a Difference

Thanks for providing school supplies for deserving seniors at Hinsdale South who will be going to college next year. I filled my trunk with the bags and boxes and delivered them today to Ayesha Truman.



Getting Inspired in Southside Chicago

We filled the CPC bus with folks heading with us to Trinity UCC on April 30 to worship. We were truly inspired and challenged by the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III. Both before and after the service, we were welcomed warmly and had the opportunity to talk with many of the people who worship there. They came up to us to invite us into conversation. A great example of reaching out to visitors!

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR SPRING

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for Spring is:

- Hot Cereal
- Campbell's Chunky or Progresso Soups
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Soaps: Bars, Body Wash, Dish and Laundry Soap



Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

**ALL CHURCH PHOTO
SUNDAY MAY 21
10:30 IN THE GARDEN**

Let's update the All Church photo! We really need YOU to be in our family portrait. It's fun, easy and casual. Simply come to church on May 21 wearing the colors of our CPC Logo... that is, green, blue, turquoise, lime, teal! Meet you in the garden after worship.



**SENIOR RECOGNITION AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
MAY 21**

Our celebration season continues on May 21 as we recognize our graduating high school seniors and share our gratitude with volunteers who have made our faith formation programs happen week to week! We have special plans for the worship service including lots of music featuring our student musicians, the chancel choir and the bell choir! Following the service and the photo, the Great Donut Debate will take place outside following the church photo sponsored by the Deacons and the Membership Committee. Make plans to join us now for a special ending and beginning in the life of CPC!



**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH
All month long!**

May is mental health awareness month and as a continuation of our discussions with our high school youth, the whole congregation is invited to participate in the Little Hearts Project. Handcrafted hearts will be in baskets in the narthex and near door 5C. Each heart has an affirmation and a link to resources for those who either need a little encouragement or to be connected to mental health resources. You can either give one to a loved one or find a public place for someone to find it when they may most need it. Thank you for participating in this initiative to give everyone a little reminder that they are loved!



**WELCOME TO AMERICA!
A Collection for Exodus World Service
May 7-May 28**

On May 7, CPC will begin its first collection for a Welcome to America Pack in collaboration with Exodus World Service which sets up an apartment for individuals or a family with essential everyday items. You can participate by picking up a gift tag in the narthex or by ordering an item from our Amazon wish list [by clicking here](#). Items vary in price point but each is essential and should be bought new. The Mission and Outreach committee will be looking for volunteers to help set up the apartment after we end our collection on May 28. Looking forward to being a welcoming presence out in our community with you!



**Cupcakes with Kris
Sunday, June 4
Fellowship Hall at 10:30am**

Baker extraordinaire and amazing Deacon, Kris Veenbaas will be sharing her cupcake decorating tips on Sunday, June 4 following worship in Fellowship Hall. People of all ages are invited to attend in order to try out some techniques and taste test them as well! Everything will be provided for you, all that is missing is you! Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex or you can call or email [Pastor Susan](#) if you would like to attend!



DO NOT LET YOUR

HEARTS



BE TROUBLED.

BELIEVE IN GOD;

BELIEVE

ALSO

IN ME.

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

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HISTORY OF STEPHEN MINISTRY AT CPC

On June 4, 1996, Ann Hamman and Barbara Coop met with Christine Chakoian to brainstorm how to establish a caring lay ministry at CPC and the names of people who might be interested in such a program. The first meeting was held June 24, 1996, attended by 14 people. Meetings were held again in July and August and by September the committee established itself to include Barbara Coop, Debbie Gamer, Ann Hamman, Joanne King, Kathy Mola, and Ann Sulouff.

The committee's first task was to mail a survey to all CPC members asking if a caring ministry was needed at the church and if members would be willing to use it and/or be a caring minister. The number of respondents to the survey was more than expected and the overwhelming answer was that such a ministry was needed and members would enthusiastically support the program.

In tandem with the survey, the committee was researching various caring ministries available (there were not too many) and decided that the Stephen Series, of which Stephen Ministry is a part, offered what the church needed.

At the November 1996 Session meeting, approval was given for use of funds from the interest of the Endowment Fund to establish Stephen Ministry. The funds would be used to educate the congregation on Stephen Ministry, in August of 1997 send three people to the Leader's Training Course in Baltimore, Maryland, hold at least one workshop and begin training in the fall of 1997.

The first quarter of 1997, the committee selected the people to be trained as Stephen Leaders. They were Associate Pastor Patrick Day, Roger Mola and Barbara Coop.

On April 19, 1997 a workshop previewing Stephen Ministry was held. It was very successful with approximately 40 people attending as well as active guest Stephen Ministers from another church.

In September, 1997 another workshop was held for anyone who was unable to attend the one in April. Also in September two meetings were held to distribute the applications to become a Stephen Minister and to review the training schedule and the commitment required.

During September, applications were reviewed and applicants interviewed. Seven people were selected to be the first group trained as Stephen Ministers at CPC. They were:

Dave Butts
Judy Eshleman
Ron Eshleman
Ann Hamman

Kay Kostal
Annie Swiatlowski
Craig Van Zanten

The first Stephen Ministry training session was held November 4, 1997.

Those Who Have Served as Stephen Ministers and have provided care for 85 people

Lisa Alexander
Sally Bacon
David Briggs
Dave Butts *
Gary Coop
Carol Crimmins
Nancy Davis
Jack Easley
Judy Eshleman*
Ron Eshleman*
Beth Gay
Laura Gidding
Ann Hamman*
Cindy Harmon
Ann Jaltuch
Ruth Karasek
Trish Kawaoka
Joyce King
Kay Kostal*

Karla Kretchmer
Electa Lang
Becky Lauer
Wayne Leopold
Nancy Marikos
Cheryle McKay
Betty Ann Morton
Gregg Morton
Flo Muir
Kit Olah
Pat Parker
Janet Plate
Joan Reiner
Annie Swiatlowski*
Betty Jean Wright
Mary Youngman
Craig Van Zanten*

Names in **red** are active Stephen Ministers

Names in **blue** with an asterisk are the first class of Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers



Craig Van Zanten, Ann Hamman, Dave Butts, Judy Eshleman,
Ron Eshelman, Kay Kostal, Annie Swiatlowski
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