

# A SERVICE FOR COMMISSIONING STEPHEN MINISTERS

**August 2, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**East Parking Lot  
St. John's United Methodist Church**

**Please tune to FM 100.5**

## **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**OPENING SONG**      *Word of God Speak*

Mercy Me  
CCLI Song Number 3912788

Verse 1:

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say

Chorus:

Word of God speak  
Would you pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see  
Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In your holiness  
Word of God speak

Verse 2:

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet hear Your voice

**SCRIPTURE READING**    Acts 6:1-5a

## WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Gina Rivera, Stephen Leader

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Jesus Messiah*  
(composed by Carson, Tomlin, Cash, and Reeves)  
CCLI 4183443

Anna Marshall

## COMMISSIONING PRESENTATION

### QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT

Are you prepared to meet the requests, which we ask of you?

**Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.**

Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others: to support, encourage, build up and comfort people in all their needs?

**Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.**

Now, we ask you, members of St. John's UMC, family, and friends, to open your hearts to the ministry of these individuals and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request?

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, and to let others know of this ministry of care and compassion. Are you prepared to meet this request?

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

Stephen Ministers, are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at St. John's United Methodist Church and for our community?

**Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS AND COMMISSIONING

### COMMENDATION

### PRAYER

### HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
CCLI Song # 4348399

Verse 1:

"Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Verse 2:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **BENEDICTION**