

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