



# stephen MINISTRY®

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Living Mosaics  
February 17, 2019 11:15 a.m.**

## *Gathering Songs*

#389 "Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord"

#470 "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"

## *Welcome and Living Our Faith*

### *On Honesty in Prayer:*

*"Do not avoid the pain and apparent injustice of a situation. Some think they have to "clean up" their thoughts when they talk to God. To them, feelings such as anger, sadness, bitterness, or fear have no place in prayer. Consequently, they end up being dishonest with God. Martin Luther's first rule of prayer is "Do not lie to God." Feel free to share all emotions and experiences with God. God is loving and understanding and wants honesty from us, not prettied-up piety."*

From Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life by Kenneth Haugk, Founder of Stephen Ministries.

## *Passing the Peace*

### *Call to Worship*

Debbie Wise

Love each other as God has loved you.

**Accept one another as Christ has accepted you.**

Carry each other's burdens.

**Be humble, gentle, and patient.**

Forgive each other as God has forgiven you.

**Be kind and compassionate.**

Encourage one another.

**And build each other up.**

(from John 15:12, Romans 15:7, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:2, 32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11)

### *Song #314*

"Christ, Be Our Light"

### *Opening Prayer*

Gillian Timon

**Compassionate God, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us to come to you with our weariness and burdens. You have promised us your rest and peace. Help those of us who are hurting to recognize that we do not need to struggle alone, that you created us to be in community and to bear one another's burdens. Give us who are silently suffering the courage to seek the help we need, whether from a Pastor, Stephen Minister, or friend. Merciful God, enable those who are called into caring ministries to listen with love, to share time generously and to be willing conduits of your healing Spirit. Unite us in your love that we may be a family of faith that undergirds and enriches each other. Amen.**

### *Song #692*

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

### *Scripture Lesson*

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Cathy Lang, Lay Reader

Message

Jill Getty

Song #466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Bill Nace

Come and Fill ...

Melissa Stabler

Come and Fill ...

Jerry Spilecki

Come and Fill ...

Jill Getty

Come and Fill ...

Offering

Signy Carson

*“The goal of developing your self-awareness is that you begin to make an increasing number of choices consciously and deliberately. Your choices then will reflect your growing awareness of God’s will for your life, your own self-knowledge, and your awareness of the needs of others.”*

From Speaking The Truth In Love by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth Haugk, founder of Stephen Ministries.

*Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.*

Prayers of the People

Chris Waisanen

The Lord’s Prayer

Song #767

“Together We Serve”

Sending

Ross Getty

Song #538

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

*If you or someone you know may be in need of a Stephen Minister, please contact Jill Getty: (302) 220-7081 or [jillgetty@icloud.com](mailto:jillgetty@icloud.com).*

*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

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***We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning.*** Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children’s Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon. At 10:10 a.m. we offer classes for all ages.

***Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone’s day.*** The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. William Atkins and Rev. Janet Atkins by Roger W. Atkins in gratitude and appreciation.

***Children are welcome in worship.*** You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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