



Rejoice!

God raised him from the dead..

because it was impossible for death
to keep its hold on him. ACTS 2:24 (NIV)

Dear St. Stephen's members,

Life is God's way. Thus, anything that stands against life is unsupported by the One God. Anything which stands against life only exists from its own strength which is ultimately powerless against the all-powerful Living God. Death always fails to hold on to power; death's power is always temporary.

We see this literally in the Resurrection of Jesus.
And we need to be reminded always.

Please join us in this weekly remembrance and proclamation of God's saving power. We remember this with special features on Easter and the services of Holy Week leading up to this great festival celebration. The service times are on the reverse side.

Rejoice! God- Life- has the last word.

With love and gratitude,

Whitney+

Dear Saint Stephen's Family,

As we journey into this new season, we give deep thanks for the generations of faithful people who have shaped and sustained our parish community over the past 300 years. This remarkable legacy is a testament to God's love and the vibrant spirit of our congregation.

At our recent Annual Meeting, Mother Whitney shared that we are entering a time of discernment about the future of our church—who we are called to be, how we serve one another, and how we live out our faith in a rapidly changing world.

To lead off this process, we will be hosting a series of Engagement Meetings throughout the month of May. These small group gatherings will provide an opportunity for every voice to be heard, for dreams and concerns to be shared, and for us to listen together for where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Your perspective is vital! We hope you will plan now to join us as we honor the past, embrace the present, and faithfully imagine our future as we live into the words of the Lord's Prayer: *Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

In gratitude and hope,
Jennifer Franz, Senior Warden