

March 20, 2026

Greetings!

Today marks children's television host **Fred Rogers'** 98th birthday. He was best known for his revolutionary television program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* (1968–2000), but he was also a Presbyterian minister. He viewed his TV work as his ministry, believing that the space between viewer and host was "holy ground."

Rather than preaching about God explicitly, he used his faith to shape the core message of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*: you are loved just as you are—rooted in God's love for all creation—and, of course, how to be a good neighbor.



Mr. Rogers' lessons were groundbreaking during a time of war, women's and LGBTQ+ liberation, and civil rights activism. Today, those challenges are not so different, but Mr. Rogers reminds us that, at our core, we are beings of love, just as God made us:

"Love seems to be something that keeps filling up within us. The more we give away, the more we have to give."

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#408 Sing praise to God

#508 Breathe on me, breath of God

#388 O worship the king



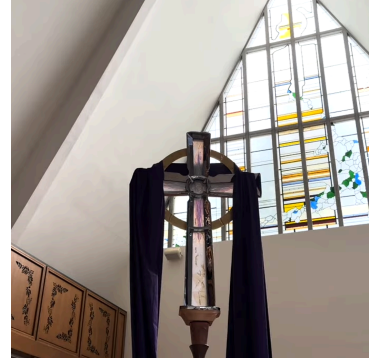
Lenten Contemplative Prayer

March 25 and April 1, 6:00 pm in the Chapel

Join your community on the last two Wednesdays in Lent for a 30-minute contemplative prayer service in the Chapel. It will be a time of stillness, silence and communal prayer -- a good pause midweek to re-center our lives and encourage each other's faith journey.

Weekly Lenten Meditation

Each week, take some time for a short meditation on what it can mean to follow the way of the Cross with Jesus Christ with videos created by John Terauds. In the Lenten season, weekly meditation allows us **to reflect on redemption, resurrection, and the love of Christ**. You can find links to the weekly meditations **here**.



Sunday Forum: How to Use Anglican Prayer Beads

Sunday, March 29 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

After church on Palm Sunday, we will gather to share **ways to use your prayer beads, with resources provided by Rev. Jennifer**. You're invited to bring the prayer beads you picked up at the Renewal of Ministry service, or bring your favorite set from home!

Easter Greens and Flowers

Please support the **Flower Fund** for Easter in memory of loved ones and/or in thanksgiving for the blessings of our lives. Your contributions make Easter at St. Stephen's a day of joy and love.

If you would like to contribute, **you can fill out this online form** or **submit this paper form** not later than Thursday, April 2nd. You can **pay online here** and choose "Give to Flower Donations," or write a check to St. Stephen's with "Easter Greens" in the memo line.



Support Holy Land Ministries Through Good Friday Offering

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and Rev. Jennifer invite you to join them in making a contribution to the **Good Friday Offering**, which supports vital work and ministries in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Your gift will support:

- al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, which has continued serving patients during the Israel-Hamas War.
- An eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen.
- St. George's Church in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria.
- All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

Please help care for all those who are vulnerable in the Land of the Holy One. You can **donate here**, or send a check to:

The Episcopal Church (DFMS)
P.O. Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983
“Good Friday Appeal” in the memo line

Holy Week: March 29-April 5

Palm Sunday, March 29
10:00 am in the Nave

Holy Eucharist, Procession of Palms,
and Sunday of the Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 2
6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Community Agape Dinner, Holy
Eucharist, Foot washing

Good Friday, April 3
6:30 pm in the Nave

The Passion, Solemn Collects, and
Contemplation of the Cross



Easter Sunday: April 5
10:00 am in the Nave

Festive Eucharist with special Choral Music

Sunday Forum: Ethan Azen's Trip to South Africa with Hands for a Bridge
Sunday, April 19 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

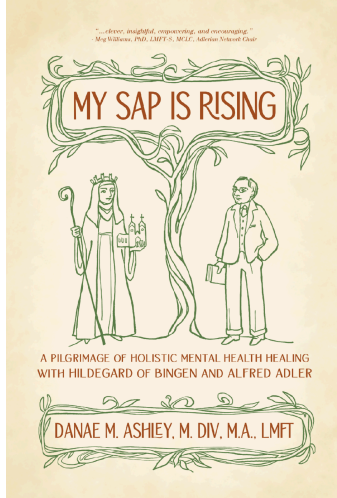
Join Ethan Azen after the service on April 19, **where he will share stories and learnings from his two week trip to South Africa** earlier this year. Alongside other students of Hands for a Bridge, he stayed in two communities on opposite sides of apartheid to explore the lasting effects and how to create connections across conflicts. **He will speak about the influence of music, the issues of poverty, and the role storytelling played in it all.**



Book Launch: My Sap is Rising by the Rev. Danae Ashley and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service

Friday, March 27 7:00 pm-9:45 pm in the Parish Hall and the Chapel

You are invited to celebrate the Rev. Danae Ashley’s debut book, *My Sap is Rising!* **There will be a presentation by the author with selected readings from the book, a panel discussion with the author, Kester Limner (illustrator), and the Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber of Tehom Center Publishing, and a book signing.** We will close our celebration with a



beautiful Compline Prayer Service featuring selections of Hildegard of Bingen's music and writings. It is going to be a remarkable evening—full of *viriditas*! Learn more at www.danaeashley.com.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour (Nave and Parish Hall)
Sundays 3:00 pm Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)
Tuesdays 10:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:00 pm Lenten Contemplative Prayer through March 25 (Chapel)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

March 27 7:00 pm My Sap is Rising Book Launch and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service (Parish Hall & Chapel)
March 29 10:00 am Palm Sunday (Nave)
March 29 10:00 am Sunday Forum: How to Use Anglican Prayer Beads (Parish Hall)
March 30 1:00 pm Celebration of the Life of Mary Fran Hopkins (Chapel)
April 2 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Nave)
April 3 6:30 pm Good Friday Service (Parish Hall)
April 5 10 am Easter Sunday and Coffee Hour (Nave)
April 19 11:30 Sunday Forum: Ethan Azen's Trip to South Africa with Hands for a Bridge (Parish Hall)

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