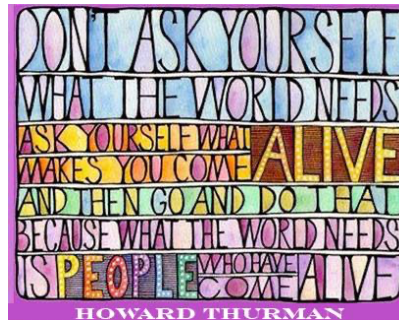


Use the following worship guide as we gather on Sunday morning via Zoom. Simply click here:
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The Service of Worship
First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
Baltimore, Maryland
Third Sunday after Pentecost - Year C

June 29, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Choral Prelude

In My Room

Nancy Flandermeyer Chronister, Director of Music

Words and Music by Brian Wilson and Gary Usher

Arranged by Tom Gentry

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Call to Worship

~congregation please read **bold print**~

On days when we think God has nothing to do with work or family or the world:

The Book tells us of One who was a carpenter; who wandered the streets; who upset his family.

On days when we think the purpose of life is to make more money and fewer friends:

The Book speaks of a life of giving away of ourselves and finding a community as we do so.

On days aching with loneliness and empty of love and laughter:

The Book draws us into the embrace of God's open heart.

Hymn for Worship NCH #4 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- Renard Noble – recovering from surgery last week
- Laura Weaver-Haas moved to NC on Friday
- Rachel Ezell and Len Dufauchard moved to Michigan
- McKenzie Shaw – living with chronic pain
- Jen's friend, Andrew and his family
- Peace in our world, our country, our community

If you share a concern and wish for it to be printed on this list, please consult with the person/s whose names are involved, then let the pastor know in writing via email they give their consent.

Silence is Observed

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sisson

Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Luke 9:51-62

Corrie Bates, Liturgist

The Anthem

Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

Choir

Words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Music by Russell Robinson

The Message

Rev. Sisson

Mantels and Plows

Making an Offering

Please consider making an offering through on-line giving or mail your check to the church address. You can find information on our church web page: first-ststephens.org You may also place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Or, you may use the QR Code in this bulletin. Thank you.

Prayer of Dedication

~congregation reads **bold print**~

May these gifts offer a feast to those who hunger, kindness to those treated cruelly by the world, hope to those who have lost their way, and life to all who long for healing and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn for Sending NCH #2

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

GLORY GLORY

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Benediction

Postlude

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Worship Resources for today are adapted from:
Thom Shuman

Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's card from the back of one of the chairs and place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTC is asking for any non-perishable food items. For this month, please bring **Gatorade and bottled water**. Place items in the red wagon in the foyer so they may be delivered weekly.

Save your Bubble Wrap – If you receive packages at home that are wrapped in bubble wrap, please bring the bubble wrap to the box in the foyer and it will be repurposed by Zach Langdon-Kennedy, our artist-in-residence.

Coffee Hour – Today - Stephanie and Becca Dimick

We are grateful to Carol Berman for all she has done to coordinate Coffee Hour and organize our kitchenette. As she concludes that work today, if you are inspired to take it on – please notify the pastor or anyone on Consistory.

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