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The Service of Worship
First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
Baltimore, Maryland
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C

July 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Prelude *For The Beauty Of The Earth* DIX Nancy Flandermeyer Chronister,
arranged by Matt Hyzer Director of Music

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Call to Worship ~congregation please read **bold print**~

Sing praises to our Lord:

who heals us and makes us whole.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God; give thanks to God's holy name:

God's Kin-dom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.

Hymn for Worship NCH #340 *We Are People On a Journey* SOMOS PUEBLO
~ as you are able, please stand ~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- General Synod of the UCC
- Renard Noble – recovering from surgery
- 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 Lesson *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20* John Henson, Liturgist

Musical Meditation

The Message *A Sacrament of Failure* Rev. Sisson

The Welcoming Table

*We believe that the invitation to this table comes not from any church or individual, but from Jesus. We therefore invite in Christ's name **all** who hear that invitation and wish to respond to come forward and share the bread and the cup. In the spirit of inclusion, the cup is non-alcoholic. There is a gluten-free option for the bread.*

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**~

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn for Sending NCH #347

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

~ 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.

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