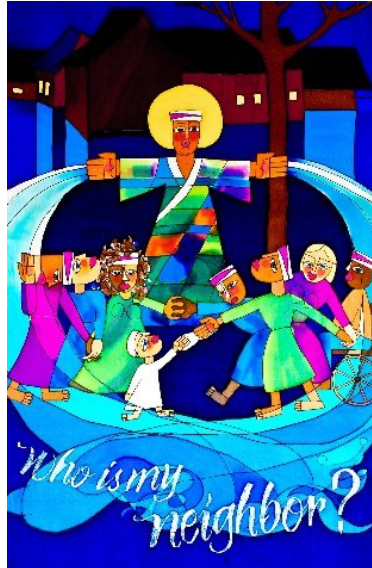


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The Service of Worship  
**First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ**  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Year C

July 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Prelude

*Valse Lente*  
by Delibes

Mike Devito

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Call to Worship

~congregation please read **bold print**~

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

**Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

**Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.**

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

**Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.**

Hymn for Worship NCH #539

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

SERVANT SONG

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*Remember these known joys and concerns:*

- General Synod of the UCC
- The people of central Texas after flooding
- Lisa Kennedy – recovering from surgery
- Thom Shuman after the death of his wife, Bonnie
- 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 10:25-37*

Tom August, Liturgist

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](http://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 which we offer be used to bring justice to the weak, a family to the orphan, fairness to the outcast, and hope to the needy. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Hymn for Sending    NCH #588

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ST. THOMAS

*~ 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.

**Welcome back, Mike Devito!** We are delighted to have Mike supplying today on the piano while Nancy Chronister is on vacation.

**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.

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