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

July 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Prelude

Nancy Chronister, Director of Music

Welcome

The Rev. Dr. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Call to Worship

~congregation please read **bold print**~

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

Hymn for Worship NCH #73

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

ENTER, REJOICE

~ as you are able, please stand ~

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- People living in the aftermath of flooding
- Renard Noble – recovering from surgery
- McKenzie Shaw – living with chronic pain
- Jen's friend, Andrew and his family
- Andrew's father recovering from a broken hip
- 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.

Song for Prayer

#VU 356

Seek Ye First

~see insert~

LAFFERTY

~ please remain seated ~

Silence is Observed

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sisson

Scripture Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

Liturgist

Anthem

Day By Day

by Stephen Schwartz

Corrie Bates: vocals, Taylor Ramage: guitar

The Work of Prayer

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**~

As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn for Sending

NCH #279

O God in Heaven

HALAD

~ 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.

ACTC is asking for any non-perishable food items. For August, in addition to food, please bring school supplies. Place items in the red wagon in the foyer so they may be delivered weekly.

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