

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Year B

July 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*Some portions of Zoom church may be recorded to share brief clips on our webpage.
All personal information or prayer concerns will not be a part of recorded information.*



Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Rev. Kelly Sisson

Q. What do you need to release to be fully present to God?

Music for Meditation

“Dovesong Round”
by Tom Ryberg

Congregational Hymn.

“O For a Thousand Tongues”
(words are on the screen; sing in unison)

Lesson from the Psalms

“Psalm 1”

Liturgist

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kelly Sisson

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- Andrew Sisson – the pastor’s brother. His wife, Kathy Wager, beginning radiation.
- Amanda Ajulu and her family
- Anthony Carota – recovering at home after surgery this past week
- Laura Haas and her wife, DeAnn, struggling with depression and PTSD
- Alex Vishio – Theologian at Large studying at SMU
- Emily Perl’s mother in Tiffin, OH
- Len Dufauchard’s parents in Colorado
- Gloria Banks – living with cancer
- Alex Vishio’s father – living with cancer
- Barbara Joellenbeck living with cancer
- Stef’s brother, Dave, living with Alzheimer’s

Prayers of the People

Rev. Sisson

“Please Wait Here”
by David Long-Higgins
(congregation reads in unison from the screen)

Offering Ourselves

Please remember that during this time of physical distancing our mission continues, expenses continue, and staff continues to work. If you would consider making an offering through on-line giving, or mail your check to the church address, you can find all of that information on our church web page: first-ststephens.org

The Scripture Lesson

Pastor

The Message

“Barely Breathing Poem”
by Karen Georgia Thompson and Keon Heywood

Q. Whose ancestral shoulders do you stand?
Q. What is the message or lesson you carry from them?

Music for Reflection

“We Will Rest”
by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Benediction

Rev. Sisson

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Talk Back! We will have Talk Back today after the service. All are welcomed to stay and join in the conversation.

Synod Closing Service – Tonight at 6p.m. Go to ucc.org to connect.

GRIEVING CHURCH? If you are grieving what was church pre-pandemic, or have concerns about what church life will be like on the other side of COVID-19, there is a group for you! Contact Martha Warton (mwharton707@gmail.com) or Karen Lovelace (kllreverend@gmail.com) for details about a group at First and St. Stephen’s.

July – ACTC needs WATER!!! Please take bottled water to Ascension Lutheran parking lot on Mondays between noon and 2p.m., or leave it on the pastor’s porch (535 Brook Rd.) and she and John will get it to ACTC. As the summer heat continues, they are desperate for water to share with people who are thirsty.

Have you considered joining the membership of First and St. Stephen’s? If you are interested in learning about membership at First and St. Stephen’s United Church of Christ, please let the pastor know of your interest. She will contact you. We are still receiving new members during our time of physical isolation.

If you want to **speak with the pastor**, it is best to leave a message on her home phone number: 410-832-3974. Or, you can email her at: fssuccpastor@gmail.com Kelly is glad to set up an appointment with you.

If you would like to receive the worship materials, hymns, etc. for Sunday, please place your email in the chat column of Zoom at the end of the service, or email the pastor at fssuccpastor@gmail.com