

Use the following worship guide as we gather on Sunday morning via Zoom. Simply click here:

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** Announcements are at the end of this order of worship. **

The Service of Worship
First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ
Baltimore, Maryland
The First Sunday in Lent – Year B

The Forty-ninth Sunday of Physical Distancing due to COVID-19

February 21, 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.*



Prelude

Etude No. 3
by Liszt

Nancy Chronister, Director of Music

Welcome

The Rev. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

Chorus for Worship

Let Your Spirit Come - see screen -

The Lesson from the Psalms

Psalms 25:1-10

Liturgist

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- We grieve with the family of Herb Mitchell – Feb. 14
- We grieve the death of Ruth Gorten – Feb. 4
- The people of TX as they experience uncommon winter weather
- Alex Vishio – Theologian at Large
- Connie Hackett – recovering at home from a brain aneurysm
- Emily Perl's mother in Tiffin, OH
- Former pastor, The Rev. Terri Fitzgerald – living with severe hip and back pain
- Kathy Wager – Kelly's sister-in-law, surgery this week for cancer.
- Len Dufauchard Sr., Len Jr.'s father – living with cancer
- Gloria Balding – living with cancer
- Alex Vishio's father – living with cancer
- Inbal Neun – living with cancer
- Barbara Joellenbeck living with cancer
- Stef's brother, Dave, living with Alzheimer's
- All those living in this time of pandemic – healthcare workers, emergency responders, custodial helpers, grocers, food suppliers, scientists – especially local restaurants, nursing homes, hospitals, those struggling with physical distancing and mask wearing.

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn for Mercy

Kyrie Eleison

(see insert or screen)

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 Lesson from Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Liturgist

Hymn for Worship

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

(see insert or screen)

The Homily

The Art of A Covenant

Rev. Sisson

Response to the Homily

The Rainbow Connection

by Paul Williams and Kenny Ascher

Benediction

Pastor

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Talk Back! Anyone who wants to discuss the sermon or chat with the pastor is invited to stay after the service, grab another cup of coffee, and enjoy time together with others from First and St. Stephen's.

Next Sunday – We will join together on Zoom with our siblings in the Central Atlantic Conference as we worship together with our other UCC families. You won't want to miss this time together.

Plans for church renewal have been discussed since the Annual Meeting. We have heard from artists and experiences from members of other churches about this proposal. If you have comments, questions or ideas – you can post them or read what others are saying by going to: <http://bit.ly/FSSUCCideas>.

Help ACTC!! As the emergency need for food continues for people in our city, ACTC has sent out a cry for extra help. Each Sunday we will have a different non-perishable item that we ask you to drop off in a box on the pastor's porch by **Monday at 10 a.m.** We will receive **juices, and box drinks for children** through tomorrow morning. Then, please bring **toiletries (lotion, toothpaste, sanitary products, shampoo, deodorant, etc.)** for the following week **until Feb. 22 @ 10 a.m.** The drop off address: **535 Brook Rd. Towson.**

If you want to **speak with the pastor** during social isolation time, her phone number is: 410-832-3974. Or, you can email her at: fssuccpastor@gmail.com Kelly is glad to set up a facetime or zoom 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

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.

Kyrie Eleison (Guarani)

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Guarani: O - ré po-ria - jú ve-re - kó Ñan-de - ya - ra. O-
 Greek: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky-ri-
 English: O God have mer-cy, O God have mer-cy, O
 French: Ô Sei-gneur prends pi-tié, ô Sei-gneur, prends pi-tié, ô Sei-

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ré po-ria - jú ve - re - kó Ñan-de - ya - ra.
 e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 God have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 gneur, prends pi-tié, prends pi - tié de nous tous.

Try this traditional Kyrie in harmony, or sing it in unison with gentle "oo's," either improvised or as written in the top line. **Guarani pronunciation:** oh-ray pohr-ya-whooh veh-reh-koh nyan-day-yah-rah.

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O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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1 O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e -
2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too
3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the
4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth, our

ter - nal love re - vealed in time: come, make your home with -
tired to care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our
font where we were born a - new. At - tune your church to
faith and hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples

in our hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.
shad - owed world: your ra - diance bathes with power to heal.
know you near; il - lu - mine all we say and do.
to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

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