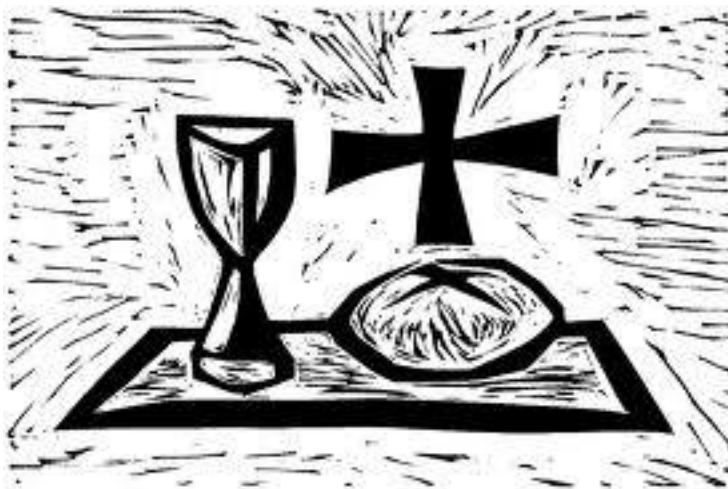


Use the following worship guide as we gather on Sunday morning via Zoom. Simply click here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2398495210>

** 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of Physical Distancing due to COVID-19

September 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

“Jammie Church”

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.

Gathering Time

Welcome

The Rev. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor

The Lesson from the Psalms

Psalm 149

Pastor

Song for Worship

Praise to God NCH#5

- sound works better on Zoom if you will mute your microphone to hear the piano -

Q. What is a gratitude or joy you have from this past week?

Congregation

Sharing Our Concerns

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- Remembering those whose lives were lost on 09/11/2001
- Alex Vishio's father – recurring cancer
- The Rev. Clara Young – living with breast cancer
- Inbal Neun – living with breast cancer
- Barbara Joellenbeck living with cancer
- Confirmation Participants

Madeline Wharton, Nate Arrington, and Trey Dufauchard

- Stef and Colleen's friend, Val, in rehabilitation center after having legs amputated.
- 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

Rev. Sisson

The Scripture Lessons

Matthew 18:15-20 and Exodus 12:1-14

Liturgist

The Lesson in Music

Together We Are Strong

Jordan Tibo, Soloist

The Homily
The Welcoming Table

What Will You Remember?

Rev. Sisson

Communion Meditation

Let Us Break Bread Together
Arranged by Sinclair

The Invitation

*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 who wish to respond by sharing the bread and the cup.*

Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

Hymn for Commitment

Let It Breathe On Me NCH #288

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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

Benediction

Rev. Sisson

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Talk Back – Feel free to stay after worship on Sundays for virtual coffee hour and conversation about the day's service. The Zoom meeting will stay open for 30-40 minutes.

Food & Supplies Collection
for ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches)

Ongoing Needs →

Please drop off bagged items:

- Canned: peas, carrots, diced tomatoes
- Canned pasta meals & hearty soups
- Apple sauce, Cereal, PB & Grape jelly
- Oatmeal, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce
- Paper goods, & Toiletries

Drive up & Drop off into Truck:

- Mondays 12-2
Parking lot across from
Ascension Lutheran
7510 York Rd. 21204
- Thursdays 12-2
Trinity Episcopal parking lot
120 Allegheny Ave
- Thursdays 5-7 PM
Valley Baptist parking lot
1401 York Rd

If you'd rather make a monetary donation:
<http://www.actconline.info/>

Please take a photo of your Communion Table today, and send it to the pastor: fssuccpastor@gmail.com

Consistory – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night. If you have items to get to the Consistory, please contact Rachel Ezell today: ezell.rachel@yahoo.com

Join us again next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for Jammies Church

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

Jammies Church coming up in September

Sept. 13 – A Service of Complaint

Sept. 20 – We will join with UCC congregations throughout the denomination as we observe Faith and Democracy Sunday sponsored by the Justice and Witness Action Network

There's more! See next page ...

BLACK LIVES MATTER

JOIN US AND LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12; 11AM -12NOON
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH – 7601 YORK RD.**

JOIN THE RALLY- BRING A SIGN

List of BLM Rally Co-Sponsors include members from FCBWP

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WEAR A MASK/HONOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

ASCENSION LUTHERAN INVITES US TO PARK IN THEIR CHURCH LOT
Call or email Ryan Sattler – ryansattler@comcast.net/ 717-891-6156

Praise to God

Nobuaki Hanaoka, 1980; alt.

Rom. 14:11; John 3:16; Eph. 5:16-20; Ps. 68:4, 32

Unison

1 Praise to God, praise to God, for the green - ness
 2 Thanks to God, thanks to God, for the gift of
 3 Sing to God, sing to God, for the grace of

of the trees, for the beau - ty of the flowers, for the bless - ing
 friends in Christ, for the church, our house of faith, for the gift of
 Je - sus Christ, for the love of par - ent God, for the com - fort

of the sky, for the great - ness of the sea.
 won - drous love, for the gift of end - less grace.
 and the strength of the Spir - it, ho - ly God.

Praise to God, praise to God, now and for - ev - er - more.
 Thanks to God, thanks to God, now and for - ev - er - more.
 Sing to God, sing to God, now and for - ev - er - more.

Nobuaki Hanaoka was born in Japan and has earned degrees in theology from Japanese and American schools. Hanaoka has served as a pastor in Sacramento, California, and has published articles in both Japanese and English. He is the author of Nihilism and Nothingness, 1968.

Tune: SAKURA 6.7.7.7.6.6.
 Traditional Japanese melody
 Harm. Jonathan McNair, 1993

1 Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the breath of the
 2 While I'm work - ing, God, in your vine - yard here, I can - not
 3 When the path - way, God, I can - not see, when the way is

Spir - it breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, let it
 serve with - out you near; O come, blessed Spir - it, so
 hard, O breathe on me; Give me grace to know when

breathe on me, let the breath of God now breathe on me.
 close to me that I may feel you breathe on me.
 you are near, then, I pray, O Spir - it, breathe on me.

Songwriter Magnolia Lewis-Butts helped form the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses in 1932, which was the model for all subsequent gospel music conventions.

Tune: LET IT BREATHE Irr.
Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941