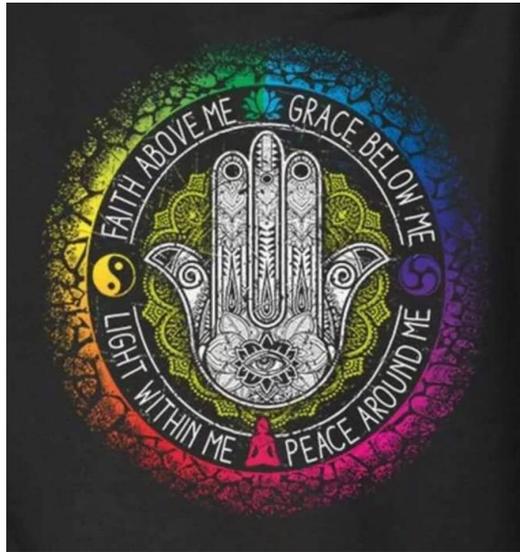


Use the following worship guide as we gather on Sunday morning via Zoom. Simply click here:

<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 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Year A
The Thirty-fifth Sunday of Physical Distancing due to COVID-19

November 15, 2020

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	<i>Etude #3</i> by Liszt	Nancy Chronister, Pianist
Welcome		The Rev. Kelly M. Sisson, Pastor
Lessons from the Psalms	<i>Psalm 90</i>	Nikki Balding, Liturgist
Hymn for Worship	NCH #436 <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns		

Remember these known joys and concerns:

- Transgender week of remembrance
- Tracee and her son, friends of the Noppenbergers after a house fire.
- The Rev. Bev Lewis fighting COVID-19
- Former pastor, The Rev. Terri Fitzgerald – living with severe hip and back pain.
- Nellie Dufauchard, Len's mother, living with dementia.
- Trey Dufauchard – as he continues PT on his shoulders.
- Alex Vishio's father – recurring cancer
- Inbal Neun – living with breast cancer
- Barbara Joellenbeck living with cancer
- 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 Lesson	<i>Matthew 25:14-30</i>	Nikki Balding, Liturgist
The Lesson in Music	<i>When Long Before Time</i>	Jordon Tibo, Soloist
The Homily	<i>Fear Driven Faith</i>	Rev. Sisson

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

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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.

Please help Tracee!! Tracee is a friend of the Noppenbergers, and works with Luke in his school. She and her son had a terrible house fire and lost everything. Here are two ways we can help:

1. There is a GoFundMe page where you can directly contribute:
https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-recover-from-a-devastating-electrical-fire?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

2. We will be collecting clothes and shoes (new or gently used) for them. Tracee is a woman's size small. Her son is a boy's 10/12. Her shoe size is 7.5. His is a big kid size 3.

There will be **two porch drop off sites**:

The Noppenbergers 327 E 30th St, Baltimore, MD 21218

The Sisson-Hensons 535 Brook Rd. Towson, MD. 21286

We will have a large box on the front porch, and you can place items any time this week in one of the boxes that is convenient to you.

Epiphany Sunday – January 3rd – we will make our financial promises for the upcoming year. Be praying about what you can do to support the ministries of First and St. Stephen's UCC.

Message from the Re-Entry Task Force:

11/5/2020 Re-entry Task Force Meeting notes:

Links to many of the web-sites the committee has been relying on for information will soon be posted on our church web site. This gives people from our community access to the same information that we have.

Since our last meeting:

- Touchless hand sanitizing dispensers have been installed.
- A lock has been installed on Nancy's office.
- A lock has been purchased for the piano and it will be installed when the piano is tuned up.
- Cleaning supplies, including Clorox wipes, have been ordered and arrived at the church.

The Consistory will look at and (hopefully) approve a document of agreement which outlines the expectations for 12-step groups to follow so they can begin using our building again.

We do not plan on having another task force meeting until January unless circumstances change.

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

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 John Hughes, c. 1907