

Fifth Sunday
after
Pentecost
July 13, 2025

The Parable
of the Good
Samaritan
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*The Mission of Choptank United Methodist Charge is
to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.*

Spedden UMC 881 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 8:45 am	Antioch UMC 1742 Town Point Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 10:00 am	Beckwith UMC 1328 Hudson Road Cambridge, MD 21613 Worship: 11:15 am
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JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

How shall we answer?

We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

How shall we answer?

We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen,

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

Lord, how are we ever going to be your disciples? We are overwhelmed by the needs of the world. The cries of people who feel threatened by others, those who are in need, those who are in danger, those who are alienated, ring in our ears and in our hearts. Sometimes we would just like to run and hide, hoping that all this turmoil will go away. But it doesn't. It sits outside our doors and waits for us to do something. Lord, help that "Something" be service and compassion. Help us to remember how you have forgiven and blessed each one of us, how you have called us blessed and beloved. You remind us in today's scripture of the compassion a Samaritan had on one who was injured. We like that story, but now is the time for us to take that story to heart. We are called to reach beyond our comfort zone, to those in need, to the alien, the injured, the lost, the lonely. It is difficult for us to do and we need to feel your powerful presence with us. Bless us again, O Lord, with a good measure of courage and strength that we may truly serve you. Bless those whose names and situations we have brought before you today for healing and hope. In your mercy and love, help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus, who taught us to prayer, **"Our Father..."**

SING A HYMN: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" 1 and 3..... (UMH #351) (CCLI 20203297)

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

[Refrain],

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,

while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heaven but Thee? [Refrain]

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37

SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

READ OR LISTEN: The Parable of the Good Samaritan (see insert)

RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED: (UMH #881)

**OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

God of compassion and mercy, we remember Jesus' parable of the Samaritan, who came upon a man beaten and bleeding and felt compassion and gave him care. From this parable, we use the name "Samaritan" for an act of compassion or a good deed, missing the point that what you would have us see was not a deed or act but a whole way of living. In the same way, you long for not the act of our offerings, but a life lived giving ourselves selflessly for others. We know you can transform acts of giving into lives of giving, and we pray that boldly in the name of Jesus, who gave all. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

*BENEDICTION: (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Place your hand in the hand of God. Go forth into this world in complete assurance of God's presence and love. Bring hope, healing, and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace and may God's peace be with you. **Amen,**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Give thanks for someone who has been a good Samaritan to you.

OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Do what you can to help someone in need.

Thanks for your continuing support. Your help is needed to keep our bills paid in full and on time.

Please mail your check to your financial secretary, OR place your gift in the plate.

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Beckwith: Eleanor Wheatley 9 Shawnee Road Cambridge 21613

Spedden: Mary Benjamin 779 Cook Point Road Cambridge 21613

You may wish to make a missions gift to any of these organizations:

Cold Weather Shelter. Valerie Davis, Delmarva Community Services, 2450 Cambridge Beltway, Cambridge, MD 21613

Everstand (United Methodist Board of Child Care) 27993 Substation Road, Denton, MD 21629

MidShore Meals til Monday PO Box 1193 Cambridge, MD 21613

Overflow Café Ministries, 400 Muir Street, Cambridge, MD 21613

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Spedden UMC Treasurer: Diane Wagner, 5710 Green Cove Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613

To start a prayer chain, please call one of the following:

- Pastor Nan—443-225-6720—Spedden
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*https://ministrymatters.com/2022-01-07_worship_connection_proper_10_c/

**<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/offertory-prayers-and-invitation-for-july-2019>