



ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Lament

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2017

10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the "Moment with Faith Kids" for the remainder of the service.
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Prelude Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Dan Miller
(b. 1954)

**Please, stand if you are able.
(The congregation will read the words in bold.)*

*Call to Worship

Anna Burns

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.**

One: The Lord of host is with us;

All: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

~ from Psalm 46

*Hymn 792 There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Prayer of Confession

Anna Burns

One: God, in whose image all people are made,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: O Jesus, healer and lover of all souls,

All: Have mercy of us.

One: O Holy Spirit, source of courage and hope,

All: Have mercy of us.

One: Holy Trinity, divine community, gather us as one,

All: Have mercy of us.

One: We weep as Rachel for her children,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We weep for the innocent victims everywhere,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We weep for the perpetrators of violence and hate,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We weep over our country and our world as Jesus wept over Jerusalem,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We pray healing for those wounded in body or spirit,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: We long for mercy and truth to make a home where righteousness and
peace embrace,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Help us to end a culture of violence and the fetish of guns,

All: We fervently pray, O God.

One: Inspire our earthly rulers to break open old arguments and act for the
common good,

All: We fervently pray, O God.

One: Lead us in examining our own consciences for the remnants of prejudice
and hate within us,

All: We fervently pray, O God.

One: Keep us from acting out of our fear to brand others as enemies,
All: We fervently pray, O God.
 One: Surround us with your loving arms, draw us together across lines of religion, sexual orientation, and all those many ways we separate ourselves from one another,
All: We fervently pray, O God.
 One: Inspire us to act in ways that bring all people closer to your promised reign of peace,
All: We fervently pray, O God.
 One: For the dead we pray,
All: Lord have mercy.
 One: For the wounded we pray,
All: Christ have mercy.
 One: For those whose lives have changed forever we pray,
All: Lord have mercy.
 One: Let us pray. O God of deep compassion and abounding mercy: Draw near to us in this time of, anxiety anger, and anguish, receive the dead into your eternal care, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are wounded or in despair, turn our anger into love, channel our passion to end our dependence on violence for our sense of security, and lead us all to greater trust in you and in your image found in the entire human family; through Jesus the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns among us eternally.
All: Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Anna Burns

God hears our cries. God wipes away every tear. God gives us peace.

***The Peace of Christ**

Anna Burns

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Burns

Prayer for Illumination

Anna Burns

Loving God, our hearts are broken and our minds are crammed with information, but no understanding. Help us to hear your word in the midst of gunfire and cries of terror and the weeping of those whose lives are shattered.

Psalm 13 *spoken in unison*

How long will you forget me, Lord? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart? Daily? How long will my enemy keep defeating me?

Look at me! Answer me, Lord my God! Restore sight to my eyes!

**Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I won!"
My foes will rejoice over my downfall.**

**But I have trusted in your faithful love. My heart will rejoice in your
salvation. Yes, I will sing to the Lord because he has been good to me.**

Lesson Exodus 16:1-18

Anna Burns

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn 775** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

Meditation

Rev. Burns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Burns

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Anthem *Panis Angelicus*

César Franck
(1822-1890)

Panis angelicus	May the Bread of Angels
fit panis hominum;	Become bread for mankind;
Dat panis caelicus	The Bread of Heaven puts
figuris terminum:	All foreshadowings to an end;
O res mirabilis!	Oh, thing miraculous!
Manducat Dominum	The body of the Lord will nourish
Pauper, servus et humilis.	the poor, the servile, and the humble.

Te trina Deitas	You God, Three
unaque poscimus:	In One, we beseech;
Sic nos tu visita,	That You visit us,
sicut te colimus;	As we worship You.
Per tuas semitas	By Your ways,
duc nos quo tendimus,	lead us where we are heading,
Ad lucem quam inhabitas.	to the light that You inhabitest.
Amen.	Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory *Priere*
Prayer

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

*The congregation is invited to come forward during the offertory
and place their offering in the baskets.*

Offering Prayer

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Hymn 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

One: O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you. Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness: around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter; beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor, the betrayal of one another; and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.

All: O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another, heal us that we may be people of healing and renew us that we also may be makers of peace.

One: Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, and support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor every person that you meet. Love and serve the Lord. Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

~ Iona Abbey Worship Book

*The service concludes with the following postlude.
Please maintain a worshipful silence.*

Postlude Elegy

George Thalben-Ball
(1896-1987)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist.
Anna Burns, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Meeting *Today immediately following worship*

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

October Topics How to Cope in Stressful Times.

15 – Pastoral Care, Deb Colmers

22 – Poetry, Susan Johnston

29 – Activism, City Councilman Zeke Cohen

50 By Thanksgiving Challenge! GEDCO's CARES Pantry

Faith Church have already donated 100 bags of food to the CARES Pantry this year. The need for food, cleaning products, and personal items is ongoing. Let's

challenge ourselves to see we can donate at least 50 more bags by Thanksgiving.

Canned goods, nonperishable food, and household item should be placed in the baskets or grocery carts located in the narthex or hallway outside the sanctuary.

Let's see if we can rise to the challenge!

Wednesday Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. – Woodbourne Room, all are welcome. Join us for lively discussion on the upcoming Sunday lesson. No preparation is required.

October 11 1 Samuel 1 Samuel 3:1-21

October 18 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Annual Health Fair *Saturday, October 14, 10:00 – 1:00*

The Loch Raven Churches, in conjunction with MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital, are hosting their annual health fair at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Free flu shots and screenings, health & wellness information, healthy snacks and giveaways.

Book Club Alert *Monday, October 23*

Book Club will meet at the home of the Nesbitts. Our theme for this year is "Flight." The October reading is *H is for Hawk* by **Helen MacDonald**. This volume also has been highly acclaimed, appearing on more than 25 best books of the year lists. It tells the story of a woman who, grieving her father's death, adopts, raises a goshawk, and finds that "together raptor and human discover the pain and beauty of being alive."

And November 27th, our flight motif will have us discussing **Colson Whitehead's** *The Underground Railroad*, a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning chronicle "of a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South."

Family Movie and Pizza Night *Friday, October 27, 6:00*

Halloween is right around the corner and the children are ready to celebrate. On Friday, October 27 at 6:00, we will be having a Family Pizza and Movie Night for Faith's children, youth and their families in the Fellowship Hall. A Halloween themed movie will be shown. Treats will definitely be provided and costumes are encouraged. Feel free to bring blankets and pillows or beanbags for comfortable movie seating for the kids!

A small donation will be requested to cover the cost of the meal. Call the church office to make your reservation. (Call Robin Nemser if you can help.)

Habitat Work Days *Saturday October 28*

Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity has scheduled volunteers to work at the McCabe housing site where we have been involved in the past. If you are interested in volunteering for a little home construction (deconstruction?) on either of these dates, please contact **Susan Minor**. Please consider lending your sweat, muscle, and love in an extremely worthwhile and satisfying project.

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Christian Dunyoh
Nancy Stutzer

Mildred Miller
Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling
Dot Weller

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2018	2019	2020
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