



Nicodemus and Jesus on a Rooftop, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937), American  
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 28, 2018

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

### Minute for Mission

Faith Kids

### Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth

Emma Lou Diemer  
(b. 1927)

\*Please, stand if you are able.

### \*Call to Worship

John Colmers

One: For God so loved the world; the sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.

**All: For God so loved the world; in success and failure, in sickness and in health, in mediocrity and in extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world; enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer new life to us. For God so loved the world; let us worship God!

### \*Hymn Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

*see page 8*

### Prayer of Confession

John Colmers

One: In these days of information overload, we need to look and listen deeply for the call of the Spirit in our midst. Enlightening Spirit, when we get discouraged in seeking your truth in the midst of bewilderment,

**All: Have mercy, and clear our eyes.**

One: Challenging Spirit, when witnessing to your truth seems to take more courage than we have,

**All: Have mercy, and strengthen our determination.**

One: Surprising Spirit, when we settle for half-truths in building your beloved community,

**All: Have mercy, and show us a better way. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

John Colmers

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Sung Response 841 God Is My Strong Salvation**

WEDLOCK



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?

**\*The Peace of Christ**

John Colmers

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**

John Colmers

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. Be the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Lesson John 3: 1-21**

John Colmers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

"Night Journeys"

Rev. Burns

**\*Hymn 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

TRENTHAM

**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.**

## OFFERING

**Offertory Anthem** How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

C. Hubert H. Parry  
(1848-1918)

How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call: to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall. But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind, and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair. We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure; whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our faults obscure your pow'r to cleanse and cure. In what you give us, Lord, to do together or alone, in old or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you, the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.

### Offering Prayer

**\*Congregational Response 710** We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear emphasis on the words 'we lift our voices' and 'we are an offering'.

We lift our voic-es; we lift our hands; we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

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

\***Hymn 63** The Lord Is God

AZMON

\***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

As you go out and come in, may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight; may Christ encompass you in love; and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life; now and forever. **Amen.**

*The service concludes with the following postlude.*

**Postlude** *Final-Marche*

Leon Boëllmann  
(1862-1897)

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor**  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist**  
**John Colmers, Liturgist**  
**The Chancel Choir**

**FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Social & Environmental Justice Council (SEJ) Meeting** *Today following worship* in Woodmont. All are welcome.

**Worship & Arts Meeting** *Today following worship*

**Sunday Adult Forum** 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room  
February 3 – **BUILD**, Gwen Brown, Organizer  
February 11, 18, & 25

**Minority Women's Approach to Theology**  
Arthur Sutherland, Ph.D. will lead the discussion.

**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.

**January 31** – John 4:1-42  
**February 7** – John 9:1-14  
**February 14** – John 11:--44



### **Faith Family Movie Night**

**Who:** Faith's Kids and their parents

**What:** Minute to Win it Games, Pizza, Movie

**When:** Friday, 2/16/18, 6-8 PM

**Where:** Faith's Fellowship Hall

**Why:** Time for parents to connect and kids to have FUN!

**RSVP Robin Nemser ([robin.nemser@gmail.com](mailto:robin.nemser@gmail.com))**

### **Black History Month Concert *Friday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.***

Daniel C.X. Rich, *baritone* will present a concert by African American composers, spiritual arrangements and songs set to the texts of Black poets.

Daniel has performed with several opera companies including the role of Surnani in an operetta commissioned by The Smithsonian and the Sultanate of Oman. Most recently, he took the rolls of Horseman in Strauss' *Rosenkavalier* and Falstaff in Verdi's *Falstaff*. Daniel is a graduate of Morgan State, and currently a graduate student at Manhattan School of Music.

A meet the artist reception will follow.

### **Dinners for Eight 2018**

The Church Growth Committee is excited to invite the congregation to our 2018 Dinners for Eight on **Saturday, March 3 at 6:00**. We already have two wonderful members who have volunteered to host a dinner for the first time!

Would you consider hosting this year? The responsibilities for the host are to provide a home for dinner, the main dish (ex. lasagna, pork loin, your favorite chicken recipe, etc.) and drinks of your choosing. The guests volunteer to bring side dishes and dessert. For those folks who require an accessible home, we will be hosting a dinner at Faith for the third time. If your home is too small to host a Dinner for Eight, consider being the host at church (you won't even have to clean your house!). Please call or email Robin Nemser (443-570-9710; [robin.nemser@gmail.com](mailto:robin.nemser@gmail.com)) or Paula Burger (443-928-8091; [paulapburger@gmail.com](mailto:paulapburger@gmail.com)) to volunteer to host or to attend a party. Don't miss this great opportunity to make connections with other Faith members.

**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:**

Betty Bunce

Nancy Stutzer

Christian Dunyoh

Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Dot Weller

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# CHANGE THE GAME

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 28 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$135 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 4.**

Every dollar donated goes to

### **CARES Pantry**

our 2018 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



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# Christ for the World We Sing

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Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the  
Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born

10

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

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sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.