



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 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

Anna Burns

### Prelude By the Rivers of Babylon

The Bell Choir

Mary Lichlyter

\*Please, stand if you are able.

### \*Call to Worship

Mike Billings

One: O God, star kindler, kindle a flame of love within us to light the path in days of darkness.

**All: O God, sun warmer, warm us with your love to melt the frozen hand of guilt.**

One: O God, moon burnisher, burnish the shield of faith that we may seek justice and follow the ways of peace.

### \*Hymn 401 Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

### Prayer of Confession

Mike Billings

One: Your light shines in the darkness, O God, and we confess that sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness, where we are free to participate in injustice, to hurt others and ourselves, to do whatever it takes to get ahead, to operate only in our comfort zone without challenge.

**All: We forget that your light of true freedom will shine, calling us to a more excellent way.**

One: We forget that the promise of a child is, a promise for the future - that there is more beyond us, beyond our desires, beyond our brokenness, beyond our understanding.

**All: Forgive our short-sightedness. Forgive our hardened hearts. Forgive our complicity in systems that hurt and abuse your earth, your people, your church, your world. Shine your light again this day, that we may see and follow your path.**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Mike Billings

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**\*Sung Response 698** Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are for the vocal line, with lyrics written below the notes. The bottom two staves are for the piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Mike Billings

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**

Mike Billings

Shining God, even the darkness is not dark to you, shine in our darkness, light of our lives. Amen.

**Lesson** John 8: 12-20

Mike Billings

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Blessing of the Light"

Rev. Burns

**\*Hymn 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

**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 A Clare Benediction

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

May the Lord show His mercy upon you; may the light of His presence be your guide: May He guard you and uphold you; may His spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may His angels watch over you; when you wake, may He fill you with His grace. May you love Him and serve Him all your days, Then in heaven may you see His face.

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### \*Congregational Response 652 Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of  
praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I  
lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line and a bass line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

### Offering Prayer

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

### \*Hymn 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Burns

One: Arise! Shine! Our light has come!

**All: The glory of God has risen upon us. God has loved us from before all time.**

One: In our here and in our now, let us accept and share God' love, through the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

*The service concludes with the following postlude.*

**Postlude** Song of Praise

Herbert Chappell  
(b. 1934)

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

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

**FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SEJ Meeting** *Today following worship*

Social and Environmental Justice Council (SEJ) will meet in the Woodmont Room. All are welcome.

**POTUS Potluck, Lenten Movie Series** *tonight 6:00 – Woodbourne Room*

Bring a dish to share and be home by 9:00

February 25: **An American President**

March 4: **All the President's Men**

March 11: **Dave**

\*President of the United States (POTUS)

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

February 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.

**February 28** – John 6:35-40

**March 7** – John 10:11-18

No Bible Study March 14 & 21

**Book Club** *February 26, 7:00 p.m.*

The Book Club selection for February is *Flight of the Goose* by **Lesley Thomas**. It is an award winning novel about an indigenous woman shaman, a draft

dodging bird scientist and a young Inupiaq hunter caught between traditions. Their tale, woven from threads of a psychological thriller, love story, eco-fiction, science and the metaphysical is set in a remote village and the wilds of the Alaskan Arctic in a time of great cultural and ecological upheaval. Our meeting will take place **at Peter and Paula Burger's home** on Monday February 26th at 7 PM. **All are welcome.**

**Dinners for Eight 2018** *March 3, 6:00 p.m.*

There's still time to sign up to attend a Dinner for Eight! Please consider joining in this nice Faith tradition that gives members of the congregation an opportunity to get to know one another better and to enjoy food as well as fellowship. We'll be sending out dinner host assignments soon, so let Robin Nemser (443-570-9710; robin.nemser@gmail.com) or Paula Burger (443-928-8091; paulapburger@gmail.com) know if you'd like to be included as a guest.

**News From CARES**

Thank you to all who contributed Valentine's Day cookies to the CARES Pantry. We collected the equivalent of 100+ cookie boxes to be given out at the pantry this week. They were much appreciated.

Please continue to bring in canned goods for the pantry which is in need of canned fruit, kale, beets, spinach, peas, carrots, etc. The pantry could also use fresh produce, especially at this time of year. Produce that does not need to be immediately refrigerated, such as potatoes (any kind), bananas, onions, apples, oranges, etc., would be much appreciated. Thank you, The Deacons

**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	Christian Dunyoh	Esmie & Leon Stirling
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