



ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.

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.*
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Prelude An Easter Processional

arr. Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

Chancel Choir

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Sing His praises! Risen our victorious head!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Greatfully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
Bowing down in joy before him,
Rising up from griefs and tears.
Heart to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled.
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Benedetto Marcello's Psalm XIX

arr. Rich Mays

Brass & Organ

*Call to Worship

Sarah Marinacci

*Please stand if you are able.

(The congregation will read the words in bold.)

One: May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning.

All: Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers; may all these break into song as we sing to God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

One: May all the angels in the heavens reply. Amen! Amen! Amen!

All: Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only giver of grace. Amen! Amen! Amen!

*Hymn 232 Jesus Christ Has Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

Sarah Marinacci

One: When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away:

All: Forgive us.

One: When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see:

All: Forgive us.

One: When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today:

All: Forgive us. Bring to mind the cry of Mary: 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Sarah Marinacci

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

***Sung Response 243 Be Not Afraid**

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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***The Peace of Christ**

Sarah Marinacci

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 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Caribbean Traditional

The Children’s Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Marinacci

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. **Amen.**

Lesson John 20: 1-18

Sarah Marinacci

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

“The Last Laugh”

Rev. Burns

***Hymn 241** Woman, Weeping in the Garden

KINGDOM

OFFERING

Offertory This Is the Day

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice, be glad in it.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his love endures forever!
Christ the Lord is ris'n today, sons of men and angels say,
lift your voice triumphant high, sing ye heav'ns and earth reply.
Alleluia, let us rejoice and be glad!

***Congregational Response 240** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The piece is divided into several sections:

- Refrain:** The first line of music, starting with the word "Refrain" above the staff. The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name."
- Main Verse:** The second line of music, with lyrics "1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth."
- to Refrain:** The third line of music, with lyrics "He is the King of cre - a - tion." The word "to Refrain" is written above the staff at the end of this section.

The score includes a bass line for accompaniment, with chords and single notes in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes in the treble clef.

Offering Prayer

One: O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day.

All: **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Rev. Burns

One: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: Men and women will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Rev. Burns

One: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you. All that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life, which informs our living, for his compassion, which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life, breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving that Christ alone can offer.

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Rev. Burns

Communion (by intinction) *Cubed bread is gluten-free. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, then partake and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.*

Prayer

Rev. Burns

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

***Hymn 238** Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing. May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love, bless your eyes and widen your gaze. May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision. May the Sacred Three bless your eyes and cause you to see. Amen.

The service concludes with the following postlude

Postlude Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor
(1911-1940)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Sarah Marinacci, *Liturgist*

The Chancel Choir
The Children's Choir

Janelle Stewart, *trumpet*
Humberto Henriquez, *trumpet*
Shona Goldberg-Leopold, *French horn*
Jarrel Garner, *trombone*
Andre Grant, *sousaphone*
Janet St. Pierre, *percussion*

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

April 8, 15, 22 Anam Cara, an exploration of the book by Mystic John O'Donohue, led by Rev. Bill Millen.

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.

April 4 - John 20:19-31

April 11 – Acts 9:1-19a

April 18 – Acts 16:16-34

April 25 – Acts 17:16-31

Krislund Traveling Day Camp June 25-29

Registrations are being accepted for the Krislund Traveling Day Camp which will be in residence from June 25 to June 29 from 8- 4 each day. The cost is \$125 for the week. The Day Camp was highly successful last year! Bible study, wild and crazy songs and energizers, Gaga Ball, Four Square, a water slide and much more keep the children engaged and active! Please speak to Robin Nemser or Bill Millen if you have any questions!

Peace for Easter

With all the news about partisanship and dysfunction in the U.S. Congress, it was encouraging to read about a bipartisan bill, H.R.5273, the Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act Of 2018. The Act requires a greater investment by USAID and other government agencies in conflict mitigation, prevention and stabilization programs. It requires inter-agency plans to reduce violence and address drivers of conflict in 10 countries considered fragile, and lays out four concrete funding options to guide negotiations on a sustainable funding mechanism. To learn more, allianceforpeacebuilding.org

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

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Contact us for more information about Faith's mission
in the City of Baltimore and around the world.

Thank You!

To everyone who donated to the Easter Flowers, the DEAR Fund, Bread Fund, and Music Fund.

DEAR Fund

The DEAR Fund was created by Faith's Board of Deacons to provide financial assistance to any Faith Church member in an emergency. A Faith member may contact a committee member, the pastor, or the parish administrator to request assistance. An application is filled out confidentially and the committee lets the member know if the request is approved and the amount. Please consider contributing to this important fund; check DEAR Fund on pew envelope or in the memo of your check.

The Bread Fund

The Bread Fund is used to provide food oriented support for our neighbors in need. This fund provides Thanksgiving baskets to needy families as well as to provide food for events at Harford House when needed. Please consider contributing to this important fund; check Bread Fund on pew envelope or in the memo of your check.

Music Fund

The donations to the Music Fund are used to support Faith's music ministry including special musicians, and purchasing choral music. Please consider making a contribution to this important fund; note Music Fund in the memo of your check.

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