



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Earth Day

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 22, 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

Prelude Morning Has Broken

Fred Bock
(1939-1998)

*Please, stand if you are able.

*Call to Worship

Pat Nesbitt

One: For the marvelous grace of your creation, we pour out our thanks to you, O God.

All: We praise you, O God, for the plants growing in the earth and water; for life inhabiting lakes and seas; for life creeping in soils and land; for creatures living in wetlands and waters; for beasts dwelling in woods and fields; for life flying about earth and sea.

One: How many and wonderful are your works, O God. In wisdom you have made them all.

All: We praise you, O God for the gift of your creation and your mighty works among us.

*Hymn 26 Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Prayer of Confession

Pat Nesbitt

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen, you place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Pat Nesbitt

One: God's rainbow set in the clouds is a sign of God's everlasting covenant with all of creation.

All: As children of God, we are forgiven through Jesus Christ Amen.

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

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*The Peace of Christ

Pat Nesbitt

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

Pat Nesbitt

One: God of darkness and light,

All: **Open our eyes to your justice.**

One: God of goodness and glory,

All: **Open our minds to your wisdom.**

One: God of mercy and kindness,

All: **Open our hearts to your love. Amen.**

Lesson Psalm 23

Pat Nesbitt

The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff—they protect me. You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord’s house as long as I live.

Sermon

“A Sheep of Your Own Fold”

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.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Rejoice in the Lord Always

Christopher Wiggins
(b. 1956)

Rejoice in the Lord always: rejoice in the Lord, and again.
I say, rejoice! Let your moderation be known to all people.

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

All: We believe in the goodness of God. We believe God hears and responds to our needs. We believe God responds to all children everywhere.

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

All: We are grateful that we've been blessed with enough water. But we know that many do not have enough. Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.

One: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: Too many children do not see God's righteousness. Too many children watch violence, taste hunger, feel fear. Too many children cry from the unspeakable horror of war.

One: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

All: To become involved is risky. Pain is often contagious. Our hearts may be broken and our lives may be threatened; yet we hear God calling and we can no longer hide.

One: Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies; thou annointest me head with oil, my cup overflows.

All: Our steps may be small and timid. We may read a book, write a letter, or make a gift. But each tiny step is blessed by God and multiplies.

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

One: God is more relentless than war. God is more pervasive than hatred. God is more insistent than despair. Amen.

~ Katherine Hawker

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

***Hymn 36** For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYDY NOS

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

The service concludes following the postlude.

Postlude March in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Pat Nesbitt, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yoga at Faith

There is still time to register for yoga, led by Leanora Eubanks, who grew up at Faith. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga - come and try it out! When: May 2, 9, 16, 23 - Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15; Where: the Chapel; Cost: \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. To register or for more information: Audrey Trapp - 410-466-2133 or audreytrapp@comcast.net

Tour of Hampton Historic Site *Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.*

Our own Bill Curtis (a National Park Ranger) has offered to lead a tour of the Hampton National Historic Site, in Towson. The site preserves a remnant of a vast 18th-century estate, including a Georgian manor house, gardens, grounds, and the original slave quarters. This is a kid friendly event, so bring the whole family. Bring picnic food to share afterwards for an informal lunch on the grounds. Please see **Paula Burger** for questions and if you haven't done so, to let Paula know of your interest **Today**.

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

April 8, 15, 22 Anam Cara, 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 25 – Acts 17:16-31

May 2 – Philippians 1:1-18

May 9 – Philippians 2:1-13

May 16 – Acts 2:1-21

Book Club Monday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

For our April meeting, Book Club is reading *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Dominican born British Author Jean Rhys. This prequel to *Jane Eyre* describes the background to the marriage that Jane learns about after going to work for Mr. Rochester. It is a quick read. Please join our discussion at the Nesbitt's Monday April 23 at 7PM.

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 kept the children engaged and active! Please speak to Robin Nemser or Bill Millen if you have any questions!

You might be wondering how you might get involved in this adventure. 1) you may want to serve as a camp volunteer on any or all of the camp days. 2) You may wish to provide a scholarship for the registration fee for a camper. 3) You may be willing to invite the four staff members for dinner and a shower during one of the evenings of camp. The counselors value their time with members of our congregation. Please call Robin Nemser with any questions. (443-570-9710)

CARES

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:

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