



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Homecoming

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 9, 2018

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Please join us for a picnic following worship.
Childcare is not available today.*

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayer for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Randal Woodfield

Prelude Wildwood Flower

TRADITIONAL

*Please, stand if you are able.

*Call to Worship

Dawn Shirey

One: People of God, God calls your name. Come and worship as this Lord's Day begins.

All: All of us. Young and old. Sister, brother, parent, child. Neighbor and stranger.

One: Again and again, God calls. Come and worship!

All: All of us. The glad and the hurting. The lost and the searching. The faithful and the doubting.

One: From a whisper to a shout. Come and worship!

All: All of us. Word arrangers and finger-painters. Number crunchers and belly laughers. Slow walkers and rope jumpers. Quiet listeners and soul singers.

One: Here in this place, a new light is streaming. God is beckoning. Come, and worship. Come home!

All: All of us. Here and now, today and forever: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 36 For the Fruit of All Creation

Fred Pratt Green
(1903-2000)

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in Earth's safekeeping thanks be to God.

In the just rewards of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, on the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that Love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, you gather us to be a sign of your kingdom in the world, and sometimes this happens.

All: With the Holy Spirit guiding us, the poor are lifted up, lives are transformed, the course of history is changed for the better.

One: But too often, O God, we conform to the world's expectations, not yours.

All: Comfortable and familiar, we forget who we are. Focused on institutional success, we neglect our discipleship. Lost in the day's worries, we forget your gifts surrounding us, ready to be savored, ready to be shared.

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

All: Strengthen and renew us to be signs of your love, and to work alongside your Spirit to mend the world's frayed places, starting with our own. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

God lifts us up; heals our wounds; comforts and consoles and forgives our sins! God calls us blessed, and so we are blessed. For this and for all God's mercies, thanks be to God! **Amen.**

***Sung Response** Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

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. Dr. Karen V. Brown

Prayer for Illumination

Your word, O God, is a light in the shadows, nourishment for our hunger, challenge for our complacency, and comfort for our sorrow. Enlighten, feed, challenge, and comfort us today. **Amen.**

Lesson Daniel 3:8-30

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"On Fire for God, Can't Touch This"

Rev. Dr. Brown

***Hymn** Heaven Will Not Wait

John L. Bell
(b. 1949)

Graham Maule
(b. 1958)

Heaven will not wait for the poor to lose their patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend. Jesus is Lord - He has championed the unwanted. In him, injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven will not wait for the rich to share their fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least. Jesus is Lord - He has shown the master's privilege to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven will not wait for the dawn of great ideas, thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain. Jesus is Lord – He has married word and action. His cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven will not wait for triumphant hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore. Jesus is Lord - in our present imperfection, his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 Broken Things

Julie Miller
(b. 1956)

You can have my heart, though it isn't new. It's been used and broken, and only comes in blue. It's been down a long road, and it got dirty along the way. If I give it to you, will you make it clean and wash the shame away?

chorus

You can have my heart, if you don't mind broken things. You can have my life; you don't mind these tears. Well, I heard that you make old things new, so I give these pieces all to you. If you want it, you can have my heart.

So beyond repair, nothing I could do. I tried to fix it myself, but it was only worse when I got through. Then you walk right into my darkness and you speak words so sweet and you hold me like a child 'til my frozen tears fall at your feet.

***Offering Response** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer

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

***Hymn** Great Speckled Bird

Rev. Guy Smith

What a beautiful thought I am thinking concerning a great speckled bird. Remember her name is recorded on the pages of God's Holy Word.

She is spreading her wings for a journey; she's going to leave by and by. When the trumpet shall sound in the morning, she'll rise and go up in the sky.

I am glad I have learned of her meekness, I am proud that my name is on her book, for I want to be one never fearing the face of my Savior to look.

When he cometh descending from heaven, on the cloud that he writes in his Word, I'll be joyfully carried to meet him on the wings of that great speckled bird.

***Benediction**

The service concludes following the postlude

Postlude Passing Through

Richard Blakeslee
(1921-2000)

Please join us for a picnic following worship.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Karen V. Brown, *Guest Preacher*

The Ararat Mountain Boys

Wes Burton, *bass guitar*

Paul Botzler, *dobro*

Mike Rodbell, *mandolin*

Mike Shirey, *guitar & vocals*

Dave Smith, *banjo*

Dawn Shirey, *Liturgist*

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.*

Session *Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.*

Men's Group *Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday School following the Moment for Faith Kids

The Christian Education Committee is excited to welcome all of our children and youth. Sunday School classes will officially **begins on September 16.**

- PreK-1st (classroom nearest the sanctuary)
- 2nd – 5th (2nd upstairs classroom)
- 6th- 9th (1st upstairs classroom)

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

September 23 Cuba; led by **Anna Burns** and **Lauren Hill**

September 30 Five Things You Can Do to Live Longer; led by **Dr. Mozella Williams.**

Bell & Chancel Choir rehearsal Thursday September 13, Bell Choir at 6:30 in Woodmont Room and Chancel Choir at 7:30 in Choir Room. For more information see **Samuel Springer**, Minister of Music.

Book Club *Wednesday September 19, 7:00 p.m.*

To start the year off we will be discussing *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by **Susan Vreeland**. It is a novel of a haunting painting and its effect on a succession of owners over three centuries.

Bring books that you have read and any suggestions that you might have for books or themes for the year. We will set up a schedule for the year at that time. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion and fellowship. For more information contact host, **Pat Nesbitt** -410-366-2857. Everyone is welcome.

IPSC Update

The Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC) is making good progress in its work to identify that person whom it will recommend to Session as its choice for Interim Pastor. We have held one interview via FaceTime with a well-qualified Pastor from out of town and with one in-person candidate from close to home.

Further interviews are being scheduled for this week and beyond as we work with our Presbytery to seek Pastors who have decided to change from full time ministry to that of a person who has the skill set to support a church going through a period of self-examination as its PNC takes up its responsibility to name our new permanent Pastor! We are encouraged by the quality and spirituality of those whose PIFs we have received. Our energy and enthusiasm remains high as we go about our assignment and we appreciate the confidence you have in our ability to achieve our goal! Appreciatively, Dave Meyers, chair

Our Sunday Child Caretaker

Rosemary Miller, our child caretaker is ill and won't be here for some time. Her daughter said she would appreciate cards; please send to the church office to be forwarded. If you are interested in helping out with childcare while Rosemary recovers, please speak to Robin Nemser.

CARES

CARES Food Pantry is currently running low on peanut butter, jelly, and cereal. On behalf of GEDCO CARES' clients, thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity. Yet we are still experiencing a great need and hope that supporters like you can assist us again in providing food for Baltimore's men, women, and families.

Shredding by Andre

Andre Slacum is a Faith Church member who volunteers here at Faith; one of his favorite activities is shredding. He provides a service to Faith Church by offering his shredding services here at the church. Bring your **sensitive documents** to church and place them in the box in the workroom marked "Shredding for Andre" or give them to Robin Nemser. You will be helping Andre, and he will return the favor to you. Start purging those file drawers!

Farm to Table Fundraiser

The Strength to Love II urban farm is sponsoring a Farm to Table dinner on Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the 1800 block of Lorman Avenue in west Baltimore. The evening will include dinner prepared by Black Sauce Kitchen, desserts and wine by Woodberry Kitchen, drinks made with farm produce, and live jazz featuring the Todd Marcus Quintet. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased on the s212.intersectionofchange.org/events/. Call **Rev. Karen Brown** for more information 410-336-6246. The event will support the farm workers who are returning citizens.

Yoga at Faith

Gentle Yoga class are led by Leanora Eubanks. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. Come and try it out on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15 in September. Where: the Chapel; Cost: \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. To register or for more information call the church office 410-435-4330.

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

Nan Pohl

June Rowe

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Nancy Stutzer

Betty Lou Tampieri

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Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2019

Kay Ballard

JoAnn Robey

Neil Nemser

Randy Woodfield

2020

Mike Billings

Scott Bissett

Bobby Hall

Carl Herber

2021

Ellsworth Jackson

Karen Meyers

Mike Shirey

Audrey Trapp

Deacons

Susan Minor, Moderator

2019

Karen Burd

Lauren Hill

Mary Hodgson

Robin Nemser

2020

Chandra Jackson

Ileana Martinez Castillo

Susan Minor

Mozella Williams

2021

Gail Poorbaugh

Natalie Wallace

Sharon Will

Committee

Christian Education

Church Growth

Fiscal Planning

IPSC

Nominating

Human Resources

Plant & Property

Social & Environmental

Justice (SEJ)

Stewardship

Worship & Arts

Chair

Robin Nemser

Bill Millen

Chris Pope

David Meyers

Kay Ballard

Paula Burger

Mike Shirey

Karen Meyers

Carl Herber

Randall Woodfield

Faith Church Is

A multicultural, multiracial congregation, with people of every age, race, economic status, gender or sexual orientation, compelled by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the tradition of reformed theology, and our experiences of God's grace, we boldly and publicly proclaim:

- We gather together to Worship.
- We are committed to a circle that is wide and unbroken, and declare that all who desire to join with us will be welcomed and respected.
- We wrestle with and nurture the tensions that arise from our differences, and we celebrate our shared faith.
- We are a learning community.
- We support each other in our struggles to learn and practice what it means to live the Gospel in our individual and collective lives.
- We are open to the moving of the Spirit and open to change in ourselves and in our community.
- We see service to the greater community and to the world as an essential part of the life of the church.

Seeking - As a community, we recognize that reading, hearing, and preaching of the Word and confessing is central to our quest to understand what it means to live out our faith. We see doubt and honest questions as part of the process of spiritual growth.

Standing - We try to reflect Christ's example of perfect love by working for peace and justice and by tearing down barriers, erected by society and the church, that exclude rather than include. We struggle to see each other as God sees every human being: equally loved and valued. We strive in our church, in our homes, and in our community to care for our environment.

Serving - We see service to the community and to the world as an essential part of the life of the church. Our service commitments and mission activities range from local work with food pantries and Habitat projects to an international partnership with churches in Cuba.

Missions at home and abroad provide rewarding opportunities for Faith members to live Christ's teachings, from our back door to the heart of our country and the world beyond our geographic boundaries.

