



February is Black History Month, initiated in 1915 by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Each February, the ASALH names a theme in African American history. This year is the 400th anniversary of the first Africans brought to Virginia, in August 1619. For more than a year before the Mayflower set sail, there had been Africans laboring in bondage at the southern end of the Chesapeake Bay. This year, therefore, the theme for Black History Month is Black Migrations, commemorating 400 Years of Perseverance. Our Faith Church Adult Forum, children's activities, and worship will seek to reflect the complex layers of the African Diaspora in America and around the world.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 3, 2019

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.
Children attending Church School will be escorted
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids."*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

Prelude O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship** *a prayer of St Augustine*

Mozzella Williams

Augustine, an ethnic Berber, was bishop of Hippo in the fifth century AD, in what is now Algeria. His ideas are foundational to Western Christianity and persevere to the present day.

One: Lord Jesus, our Savior, let us come to you.

All: Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with your selfless love.

One: Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood.

All: Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit.

One: Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence.

All: Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours; possess them always and only for yourself.

***Hymn 203** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

Prayer of Confession *a Nigerian prayer, from the Oxford Book of Prayer*

God in heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. A bird called Satan has carried in one twig at a time. Before I knew it, Satan had built a dwelling place and was living in it. Today, loving God, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria 582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *verse 1*

GLORY TO GOD

Written as a tribute to the gospel style by Paul Vasile, who served a multicultural church in New York City

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Time with Faith Kids

Sung Prayer for Illumination
Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Lesson I Corinthians 13

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"Love in 3D"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn 699** Fill My Cup

FILL MY CUP

Written in the 1960s by Rev. Isaiah Jones, Jr. (PCUSA)

Prayers of the People

A litany prayer with the response:

God of Light,

Lord hear our prayer.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem God Thou Art Love

Craig Courtney
(b. 1948)

If I forget, yet God remembers. If these hands of mine cease from their clinging, yet the hands divine hold me so firmly, I cannot fall. And if sometimes I am too tired to call for him to help me, then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart and lifts my care.

I dare not fear since certainly I know, that I am in God's keeping shielded so, from all that else would harm. And in the hour of stern temptation, strengthened by his power.

I tread no path in life to him unknown. I lift no burden, bear no pain alone; my soul a calm sure hiding place has found: The everlasting arms my life surround, my life surround!

God thou art love! I build my faith on that. I know thee who has kept my path. And made light for me in the darkness tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy. It were too strange that I should doubt thy love.

***Doxology 605**

DA N'ASE

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three in One.
Sing praise, sing praise: to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty, praise to the Three in One.

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

God of faith, God of hope, God of Love, you are so good to us. Please receive and bless these offerings which come from your goodness, and use us all to build your Kingdom, for we have promised to follow Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation: Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the prayer continues, until the words

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 597 Holy, Most Holy Lord

SANNANINA

You are welcome to sing the English words. The original song is based on a contraction of "Hosanna!" —so actually, it's much easier to sing in Swahili...

Sanna, sa-na-ni-na, san-na, san-na, san-na... *(and that's all there is to it!)*

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Communion *(by intinction)* *So that all may be welcome at the table, please know that gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray, and "wine" is unfermented grape juice. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, partake and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.*

Hymn 525 During the Distribution

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual

Let us break bread together on our knees. *repeat*
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy of me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. *repeat*
Let us praise God together on our knees. *repeat*

Prayer

God of love, help us to love as you love. We give thanks for this meal you gave to us in Jesus. Help us to serve as he served, and to give ourselves for your world as he gave himself for all. We pray this in his strong name. Amen.

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

***Hymn 526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

This joyful communion hymn is set to the melody of a children's song from Jamaica.

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Postlude Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John Behnke
(b. 1953)

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mozella Williams, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

Souper Bowl of Caring

Faith youth will be at both doors of the sanctuary with big soup pots. They are collecting donations that will be donated to the CARES Pantry. The need for food at the pantry is great--please be generous.

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

Black History Month

February 3 & 10 **I Am Not Your Negro** film and discussion

February 17 & 24 **The Wit & Wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr.**

Led by Dr. Arthur Sutherland

Bible Study

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in Woodbourne Room. No preparation is required. Lessons are Judges 6:1-2, 11-16, 22-24, Luke 4:21-30.

Youth Group Gathering *Today!*

Hannah Pope and **Krista Wallace** invite the Youth of Faith, grades 5-12, to join us for our first monthly meeting on **February 3 at 5:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This planning meeting will kick off 2019 with some fun and fellowship! Bring your ideas and opinions on what you would like our youth group to do. Please indicate your interest by texting or calling Hannah Pope at 410-937-7021.

Randy Woodfield Memorial Service

The memorial service has been rescheduled. It will be on **February 16 at 11:00 a.m.** at Faith in the sanctuary. Reception to follow.

Donations for the Cuba Encuentro, February 15-22

If you are able, please donate any the following over-the-counter medicines to be taken to Cuba. If you wish, you may give cash or checks (made out to Faith and marked for Cuba) and **Audrey Trapp** will shop for you! Place in the offering plate by February 3rd. Thank you so much for your continued generosity to our sisters and brothers in our partner churches in Meneses and Iguara, Cuba.

All bottle sizes are appreciated - large bottles can be divided into ziploc bags if necessary. However, they ask that the vitamins not be in bottles more than 100.

Bengay or generic muscle rub
Calcium with D3
Children's chewable calcium with D3
Children's vitamins, chewable
Children's Motrin or generic
Chlorpheniramine (antihistamine)
for children and adults
Vitamins A, B, and D6
Iron
Lansoprazole (antacid)

Mucus chest relief (guaifenesin) for
children and adult
Omeprazol (Prilosec)
Pepto-Bismol (or generic) chewable
tablets
Tums or generic
Thermometers
Glucosamine
Benadryl (or generic) pills and
cream

Make Your Faith Voice Heard!

On February 10, following worship, you will have the opportunity to be part of a BUILD listening session to help determine the direction Faith Church will take in its social justice work. We'll gather into groups of 8 or so people, each with a leader from the Social and Environmental Justice Council who will encourage the members of the group to identify the issues they feel most passionate about in our community. Then we'll use your input to direct our efforts in the coming year. Please mark your calendars now and plan to stay for this very important church activity! A lunch will be provided. For more information, see **Karen Meyers**.

Lenten Movie Series 5:30 Sunday evenings in Lent: March 10, 17, 24, and 31

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

Free Solo - thrilling story of the most daring rock climb of Yosemite's El Capitan without ropes or any safety equipment; **20 Feet from Stardom** - story of the voices behind the greatest rock, pop, and r & b hits of all time: the background singers for legendary music stars; **RBG** - Critically acclaimed documentary about the life and career of Supreme Court Justice and cultural icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg; **Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport** - the moving story of how Jewish children were sent to Great Britain by their parents during World War II to protect them from Hitler.

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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