



Transfiguration of Jesus, oil on canvas, Private Collection, London UK  
Armando Alemdar Ara (b. 1972), Turkish

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Women of the Church Sunday

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 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 lighted as a prayer for peace.*

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

### Prelude Aria

Flor Peters  
(1903-1986)

### Vivian Slacum

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

*please remain seated*

### Call to Worship

Rev. Doris Cowan

A Litany of Women of Faith      adapted from a prayer of Mother Thunder Mission

**Janice Williams, Natalie Wallace, Jay Chalfant, Dawn Shirey, Karen Burd, Carla Burd, Karen Meyers, Audrey Trapp, Robin Nemser and Lauren Hill**

Janice: A wandering Aramaean was my mother: in Egypt she bore slaves.

Natalie: Then she called to the God of our mothers: Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah.

**All: Praise God who hears, forever.**

Jay: An unwed teenage mother was my mother: she bore our life and hope.

Dawn: A sword pierced her own soul. Mary, blessed among women, bearer of God.

**All: Praise God who loves, forever.**

Karen B.: A witness to Christ's rising was my mother: she bore the good news from the angels. Though the disciples thought it was an idle tale:

Carla: Mary Magdalene, Johanna, the other Mary, the women with them.

**All: Praise God who lives, forever.**

Karen M: A faithful Christian was my mother: mystic, martyr, saint, abbess; writer, painter, composer.

Audrey: May we, with her, in every generation: Monica, Hildegard, Julian, Hilda, Clare, Artemesia, Theresa, Emily, Maya.

**All: Praise God who inspires, forever.**

Robin: A courageous Presbyterian was my mother— organizer, hunger striker, troublemaker: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary MacLeod Bethune, Maggie Kuhn, Janie Spahr; elder, pastor, moderator: Margaret Towner, Rachel Henderlite, Katie Cannon, Rebecca Reyes, Elizabeth Kwon; Edie Gaus, Cherry Marshall, Lois Stair, Thelma Adair.

*the congregation is invited to name additional pioneering women here...*

**All: Praise God, who dares to birth a world and love it into freedom, forever.**

\*Hymn 161 Woman of the Night

NEW DISCIPLES

### Prayer of Confession

**God of the Mountains, from today's mountaintop we see from a new point**

of view. Today, with feminist and womanist voices in the church, we confess the twin sins of silence and submissiveness. Open our eyes to the ways our silence, our submissiveness, have led to suffering: of others around the world, of our families, of our neighbors, and of our own selves. We are all made in your image, your beloved children. Forgive us for manipulating others, for trembling to speak out for justice, for failing to name a wrong. Give us the courage to speak truth in love. Holy Spirit, blow away the clouds in our hearts, that we may shine with the light of Jesus, in whose radiant name we pray...

*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, 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**

**Judy Sperling**

**Poem** *Phenomenal Woman*

~ Maya Angelou

**Adelaide Cooke**

**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** Matthew 17:1-12

**Marilyn Valentine**

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Cloud Cover"

**Rev. Speers**

\***Hymn 190** Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory  
*sung to the tune of Once to Every Nation*

**Prayers of the People** *A litany prayer with the response:*

God of Light,

**Lord hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING

**Offertory** Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty  
(b. 1948)

### The Women of Faith

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Allelu Alleluia*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

**\*Doxology**

ODE TO JOY

**Mother, Brother, dear Companion; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever,  
One in Three and Three in One.  
We would share your life, your passion;  
with you making all things new;  
ever singing, ever praising: one with all, and one with you!**

**\*Dedication of Self & Substance**

**O God who gave us birth, all things come from you. From the riches you  
give us we freely give, that your people might flourish, that your body  
be nourished, here and throughout the world. Amen.**

## 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*

*...Therefore we praise you, singing with all the inhabitants of heaven, and with  
the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your mighty name:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

*the prayer continues...*

...So together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*...the prayer continues, with prayers of the people: you are invited to speak names aloud when there are silences, or to pray silently if you prefer. The prayers conclude with...*

### **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. Amen.**

### **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.*

### **Sung Response 535**

BLESS THE LORD

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all God's benefits.**

### **Prayer**

**God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for the light you have poured into our hearts and pledge ourselves in turn to pour that light into the world you so love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

\***Hymn 15** All Creatures of Our God and King *verses 1-3 & 6* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Finale* from First Sonata for Organ

Florence B. Price  
(1887-1953)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers**, *Interim Pastor*  
**Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music and Organist*  
**Vivian Slacum**, *Organist*

### The Women of Faith

**Kay Ballard**  
**Delevena Brown**  
**Carla Burd**  
**Karen Burd**  
**Jay Chalfant**  
**Adelaide Cooke**  
**Doris Cowan**  
**Lauren Hill**  
**Karen Meyers**  
**Robin Nemser**  
**Dawn Shirey**  
**Judy Sperling**  
**Audrey Trapp**  
**Marilyn Valentine**  
**Natalie Wallace**  
**Janice Williams**

**The Women's Pick-Up Choir**  
**Faith Kids**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ash Wednesday** *March 6, 6:00*

We will have a simple meal of homemade soup and bread in the Woodmont Room at 6:00 pm. Followed by worship with the imposition of ashes in the chapel. If you are able to make a pot of soup, please talk to Judy Sperling.

### **Bible Study**

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in the Woodbourne Room. No preparation is required.

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

Our focus for the March Adult Forum will be the One Great Hour of Sharing mission of the PC (USA), Presbyterian Mission.

**March 3 & 10** Bible Study written by Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer

The Fast I Choose Isaiah 58:1-7

Repairers of the Breach Isaiah 58:8-14

**March 17** Hunger & Poverty

**March 24** Disaster Assistance led by **Susan Krehbiel**, Social Advocacy  
Consultant Congregational Advocacy

**March 31** Self-Development of People

### **Harford House Lasagna Bingo** *March 15, 6:00 p.m.*

The Deacons will host our annual BINGO night at Harford House. We need the following donations: lasagna, salad, garlic bread, desserts and drinks. Please drop off donations in the Faith kitchen by 3:00 p.m. on March 15. Please let Lauren Hill or Gail Poorbaugh know if you can contribute an item or if you are able to attend!

### **Lenten Movie Series** 5:30 Sunday evenings in Lent

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

**Mar 10 - RBG** - Critically acclaimed documentary about the life and career of Supreme Court Justice and cultural icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg; **Mar 17 - Free Solo** - thrilling story of the most daring rock climb of Yosemite's El Capitan without ropes or any safety equipment; **Mar 24 - 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; **Mar 31 - 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.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat Workdays for the McCabe Project are **March 9, 15, 22** and **23**. There is a maximum of 5 people per day. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you can work any of the dates. [Nrew62@msn.com](mailto:Nrew62@msn.com) or 410-207-7190.

*Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope*

### **Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Lemons!**

Fresh fruit is more than scarce at the CARES pantry during the winter. So, the Deacons have decided to use money donated to the pantry last month as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring to purchase fresh fruit every week to be delivered to the pantry. Our church friends donated almost \$300 on Souper Bowl Sunday. We will purchase \$30 worth of fruit every week for the next ten weeks. If you would like to help extend this effort, you can donate to the pantry by using a pew envelope and mark your donation for the CARES pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **Nominating Committee Update**

As was announced at our Annual Meeting in January, the Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for members to become church officers. If you have anyone you would like to nominate to serve as elders or deacons, please forward these names to **Kay Ballard**, Nominating Committee Chair via cell phone 410-608-0252, email at [kayhballard@gmail.com](mailto:kayhballard@gmail.com), or in person. Also, you may give the names to **Mary Speers** who will forward them appropriately. All names will be kept confidential! The Nominating Committee will convene in mid-March, and we appreciate your help and support.

### **Social & Environmental Justice Committee**

First and Franklin Presbyterian Church is presenting "A Concert Responding to the Gun Violence in Baltimore" on Sunday, March 24, at 2:30 PM. Among other musical offerings, the First and Franklin Choir will perform the Faure' Requiem. All proceeds will support Turnaround Tuesday, the job counseling center operated by BUILD. For more information, see the First and Franklin website.

A presentation on child sex trafficking at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1008 W 37th St., will examine the realities of human trafficking in Maryland and the US

and suggest practical steps for individuals and churches to respond to this injustice.

Dr. William "Brit" Kirwan, the chair of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education (a.k.a. the Kirwan Commission) will speak on Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. The event is free and open to the public.

**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

Nancy Stutzer

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