



Blessing attributed to St. Patrick

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 17, 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 Adoration

Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

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

*Call to Worship

Ileana Martinez-Castillo

Churches in the Reformed tradition began worship with Jesus' Summary of the Law, from Matthew 21. We honor this custom.

One: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

All: **And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.**

*Hymn 450 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE
trans. Eleanor Hull
(1860-1935)

Prayer of Confession

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised! We marvel at your wisdom and grace as we come together this day. When we do our work, you are there. When we are still, you are there. Everywhere we go, your loving heart goes with us and knows our thoughts and our actions. In trust that we are known and loved, we ask your forgiveness, and then your guidance in making wrongs right, in our lives and in your world. Help us to trust you, and lead us in your ways, for we seek to follow Jesus, to whom we are pledged and in whose name we pray. Amen.

silent prayer

Kyrie 577

KYRIE ELEISON
Dinah Reindorf
(b.c. 1927)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*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 451 Open My Eyes that I Might See *verse 2*

OPEN MY EYES
Clara Scott
(1841-1897)

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see:
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

First Lesson Genesis 15:1-6

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Second Lesson Luke 13:31-35

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Damned for the Glory of God"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn 195** When Twilight Comes

DAPIT HAPON

Prayers of the People

This Lent, the Worship & Arts committee invites you to write your prayers on the strips of paper provided and come forward to weave them onto the cross. This is a period of communal meditation and music, ending 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.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee; leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in Thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is Thy name, I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee. Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

***Sung Response**

Hymn 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own *verse 1*

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, all you ask from us is faithfulness. Receive these fruits of our labors, lead us on the Way of the Cross, and grant that our whole lives may be returned to you: for the restoration of your whole creation, and the joyful freedom of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

***Hymn 692** Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
words by Ruth Duck
(b. 1947)

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Postlude Festal March

Florence B. Price

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, Interim Pastor
Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Ileana Martinez-Castillo, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

March is designated as Women History Month. Some of the music in today's service are composed by women. Florence Beatrice Price, (1887-1953) was an award-winning pianist and composer who became the first African-American woman to have her work performed by a major symphony. Mary Elizabeth Byrne, M.A., (1880-1931) a linguist, was born in Ireland. She translated the Old Irish Hymn, "Bí Thusa 'mo Shúile," into English as "Be Thou My Vision" in 1905. The best-known English version with some minor variations, which we sing to tune Slane, was translated by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935) and published in 1912. Eleanor was a writer, journalist and scholar of Old Irish. Clara Scott, American composer, hymnwriter and publisher the first woman to publish a volume of anthems, the Royal Anthem Book, in 1882. Ruth Duck, (b. 1947) is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical theologian and retired professor of worship.

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Meeting Tomorrow Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please let the office know.

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 17 Bible Study written by Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer

Repairers of the Breach, Isaiah 58:8-14

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

March 31 Hunger & Poverty, **Rachael Neill**, GEDCO CARES Director of Community Services.

Lenten Movie Series 5:30 Sunday evenings in Lent

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

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.

Social & Environmental Justice Committee

A Concert Responding to the Gun Violence in Baltimore

First & 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 & Franklin Choir will perform the Faure' Requiem. All proceeds will support Turnaround Tuesday, the job counseling center operated by BUILD. Tickets \$10 and are available at the door or from the website. For more information, go to firstfranklin.org.

To the Parents of Faith Kids

News Flash! The Church School will be having an attendance competition during Lent in hopes of building up our numbers! We have been combining the kiddos into two classes over the past few weeks, which seems to work well. I will be recording the number of church school attendees each week and keeping a graph for the kids to see. The class with the largest percentage of growth will be able to select a prize of their choosing! Kids are encouraged to bring friends, relatives and neighbors.

We would also like to put the Lock-In on your calendars. This is a fun event on **May 11** where the older kids sleep over at the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. The next morning the youth will take part in leading the service for Mother's Day. There will be more details coming out but once again we want to get this on your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you all! We are looking for a Male Chaperone for the Lock-In in May. Please speak to Hannah Pope.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat Workdays for the McCabe Project are **March 22** and **23**, more dates in April and May. There is a maximum of 5 people per day. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you can work any of the dates. 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 last month as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring to purchase fresh fruit every week to be delivered to the pantry. If you would like to help extend this effort, you can donate to the pantry by using a pew envelope marked 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 an elder or a deacon, please forward these names to **Kay Ballard**, Nominating Committee Chair via cell phone 410-608-0252, email at 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.

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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