L'innocence, oil on canvas
William-Adolphe Bouguereau, 1825-1905, French

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Mother's Day and Youth Sunday

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 12, 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.*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.*

**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Mary Barrett Speers**

**Prelude** This Is the Day the Lord Has Made setting Gunther Martin Göttsche (b. 1953)

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

***Call to Worship** **Gabriella Anthony**

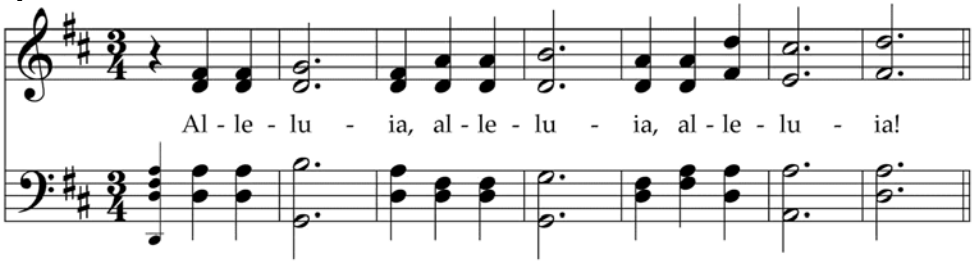
One: We come to worship,
**All: Not because we must but because we may.**
One: We come to worship,
**All: Not because of our own goodness but because of our thirst for mercy.**
One: We come to worship,
**All: Because in darkness and terror, God is with us.**
One: We come to worship,
**All: Because in the light and love, God is with us.**
One: We come to this table,
**All: So we can find our way home. Let us worship God!**

***Hymn 324** For All the Faithful Women NYLAND

**Prayer of Confession** **Veronica Herber**

One: Loving God, we admit that sometimes we do things because we are selfish.
**All: Guide us.**
One: We confess that we lash out because we are scared.
**All: Teach us.**
One: We realize we forget to think about others and put ourselves first.
**All: Forgive us.**
One: Remind us how to think like Jesus.
**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.**

**Sung Response 236**



**Assurance of Pardon** **Isabella Hill**

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

***The Peace of Christ** **Isabella Hill**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
**All: And also with you.**

## TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

**Moment of Appreciation** **Robin Nemser**

**Prayer for Illumination** **Payton Lemon**

Holy and gracious God, in the midst of a noisy city where there are so many competing choices that can pull us away from these pews, help us to hear what you are saying in your word and through your spirit, **Amen.**

**Lesson** Acts 9:36-43, *page 128* **Cora Bissett**

One: This is the word of the Lord.
**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon** **Faith Kids**

***Hymn 44** Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us AUSTIN

**Prayers of the People** **Rev. Speers**

**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.**

## OFFERING

**Offertory Anthem** Give Thanks to God arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Give thanks to God on high, to our Lord sing praise, our God is great and good, to our Lord sing praise, our God is fair and just, our God protects and guides, for we are healed and saved!

***Doxology 609** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**
**Praise God, all creatures high, and low.**
**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**
**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Dedication of Self & Substance** **James Herber**

**Ever-faithful God we long to be faithful givers, modelling ourselves on you who have given everything to us. May your Spirit of abundance, which gives more than we ask or imagine, grace these gifts for your kingdom in Jesus' name, Amen.** ~ Carol Penner

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

***Hymn 300** We Are One in the Spirit THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction** **Renatta Anthony**

One: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
**All: Take us and use us.**
One: You have fed us with your word,
**All: Now we may love and serve you, and all people,**
One: Go out into the world and spread His love, mercy, and justice.
**All: Amen.**

**Postlude** Trumpet Tune in D Major David Johnson (1922-1987)

**Leading Worship Today**

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers,** *Interim Pastor*
**Dr. Samuel Springer,** *Minister of Music & Organist*
**Robin Nemser**

**Faith Kids**

**Gabriella Anthony**
**Renatta Anthony**
**Cora Bissett**
**James Herber**
**Veronica Herber**
**Isabella Hill**
**Peyton Lemon**

**The Chancel Choir**

# FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Concert** *Today, May 12 at 4:00 p.m.*

The Negro Speaks of Rivers, a recital of Negro Spiritual and Art Songs. **Dr. Leah Brown,** *mezzo soprano* and **Dr. Samuel Springer,** *piano.* A freewill offering will be collected.

**Do we know your story yet?**

A few days ago, you should have received the link to your Church Assessment Tool (CAT). If you haven't already, please set aside 30 minutes to complete the assessment. Your PERSONAL STORY is critical to your leaders as they plan for our future. PLEASE MAKE THIS A PRIORITY THIS WEEK if you haven't already shared your experiences and perspectives by participating in this important process. If you need a paper copy, please let the church office know.

Some things to keep in mind: if your computer is set to go to sleep and it does, you will not be able to continue with the survey. There are questions that ask you to rank from Most to Least, prioritize Most and Least first and then work your way through the others to complete. You may want to have paper and a pencil.

**Annual Block Party**

The annual block party for our neighborhood is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 pm. We're looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please let Bill Millen, Paula Burger, Robin Nesbitt, or Judy Sperling know of your willingness to assist in making this community tradition at Faith a success

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

**Creation & Re-Creation** During the month of May, Faith Church members will present a series on their leisure time activities and address the satisfactions, as well as frustrations, that they bring. On Sundays at 9:15am, you'll get to vicariously experience new hobbies!

May 19: Outdoor Pursuits (Horseback riding, running, and baseball) with Marilyn Valentine, Kristin Herber, and James Herber

May 26: Gardening with Pat Nesbitt and Karen Meyers; Dragon Boat Racing with Chandra Jackonson.

**Habitat Workdays**

Habitat Workdays are **May 24**, **June 1, 7,** and **22.** 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.*

**Book Club** *Monday June 1 7:00, at the Nesbitts*

The next Book Club will meet on June 1 to discuss *Becoming.* It is the memoir of former **First Lady Michelle Obama** published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother. Everyone is welcome.

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

Fresh fruit is more than scarce at the CARES pantry, so the Deacons have decided to use money donated to CARES to purchase produce 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. And your donations of non-perishable food are always welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Memorial Service for Tim Scheck**

Faith family and friends will celebrate the life of Tim Scheck on Wednesday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m. A brief reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Huntington's Disease Center at Johns Hopkins or to Faith Church.

**Yoga at Faith** *Wednesdays 2:00-3:15 The Chapel*

Gentle Yoga class is led by certified instructor, **Leanora Eubanks.** All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. $40/4 sessions or $12.50/drop in. 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 Nancy Stutzer

## Nominating Committee Update

## "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED"

Next Sunday, **May 19, 2019**, is Election Sunday, and as announced last week, the Congregational Nominating Committee successfully filled all vacancies on the Board of Deacons and Session. Also, the Congregational Nominating Committee is in place to be elected, in order to serve another year. Please plan to stay after church for a brief congregational meeting to elect church officers and the Congregational Nominating Committee.

**June 2, 2019** is Ordination/Installation Sunday and will be held during the church service. Let's plan to attend church on both Sundays to show our support and appreciation to those who are willing to serve during this very important time in the life of Faith Church.

Forming the PNC-Pastoral Nominating Committee- Ultimately, the PNC will be a small group of church members, reflective of the diversity of our congregation who will have been selected, after careful thought and deliberation, by the Congregational Nominating Committee, from a list of nominations submitted to them from the congregation. The PNC will be presented to and elected by the congregation at a called congregational meeting at a date to be determined.

Without question, the most important matter that Faith Church has had in many years is finding a permanent pastor who will be able to lead us into the future so we can continue to be the "light on the hill"! The individuals who will serve on the PNC should understand who we are as a faith community and be able to articulate that to anyone. They should be persons whom we feel have good judgement and insight, people who we think are "team players", and can get the job done!

Please continue to forward your nominations to **Kay Ballard** via cell phone, 410-608-0252; text; email kayhballard@gmail.com; or see her after church.