



Papyrus 44 Fragments containing Matthew 25:8-10; John 10:8-14.
Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 13, 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 B. Speers

Prelude If with All Your Hearts *from Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Fatima Imani Smith, soprano

If with all your heart ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me, thus saith our God
Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.

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

*Call to Worship

Marilyn Valentine

One: I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord:

All: Plans for peace and prosperity, not for harm; plans for a future with hope.

One: Then, when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

All: When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart, says the Lord. ~ adapted from Jeremiah 29:11-13

*Hymn 50 Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

Prayer of Confession

God of the Ages, you created this world in love, making us for yourself and for one another. In the midst of our perceived divisions, we are bound in Christ in your covenant of grace. Jesus taught us, then and now, to welcome the rejected, to seek out the lost, and to forgive over and over again, even as we have been forgiven. We confess now our hardness of heart. We have not followed Jesus. We are sometimes prideful; sometimes weak; and often impatient with others, with ourselves, and with you. Forgive us, we pray. Open new ways, unlock old doors, and gladden cold and weary hearts; that refreshed in your love, we may go forth as a new people, into a new world, set right at last through your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

moment of silence

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response

Iona Community

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*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.

Gospel Lesson Mark 10: 1-12

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"A Living Word"

Rev. Speers

*Hymn 30 O God, in a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

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 Anthem Sing Praise to the Lord

Sir Henry W. Baker
(1822-1877)

Sing praise to the Lord! Sing praise in the height; rejoice in God's word, you angels of light; O heavens, adore him by whom you were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise upon earth, in tuneful accord, all you of new birth; O praise him who brought you his grace from above; O you praise him who taught you to sing to his love.

Sing praise to the Lord, all things that give sound; each jubilant chord, re-echo around; loud organs, his glory tell out in deep tone, and trumpets, the story of what God has done.

Sing praise, thanksgiving and song to God be out poured all ages along: for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace and salvation, sing praise to the Lord!

*Doxology 607

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

Holy God, you have claimed us as your own family. You have blessed us with your bounty, so with thanks we now return these gifts to you. By the work of your Spirit among us, give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

***Hymn 39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Postlude Festal Finale

Henry Coleman
(1888-1965)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Mary B. Speers, *Interim Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Marilyn Valentine, *Liturgist*
Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum *Sundays 9:15 – Woodmont Room*

September 29 - October 21 – *Five Stories that Define Us* from the book of Genesis, led by **Rev. Jack Hodges**

Wednesday Bible Study

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in the Woodbourne Room for a discussion of the next Sunday's lesson. No preparation is required.

Autumn Care Days

Care Days are when we have the privilege of lending our collective assistance to the stalwart Thursday crew to get the grounds/inside of our property in tip-top shape. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on October 26 and November 23 and end at noon with hot dogs and chocolate chip cookies! See Mike Shirey if you have any questions.

Intergenerational Halloween Party

Come celebrate Halloween with our young monsters and goblins following worship on October 27. We will play Halloween games and share pizza and ghostly desserts. There is no cost for lunch, although a good will offering will be taken. This event is for children, youth, families, and young and old alike. Costumes are definitely encouraged! Please let Robin Nemser know if you plan to attend so that we know how much pizza to order!

Special Request from SEJ Regarding Walter P. Carter School

Faith's partnership with the Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle School has been launched! We are supporting the first of monthly Family Engagement Nights on Tuesday, **October 15**. The theme is LITERACY. We are especially eager to assist with this educational priority in two ways: First, please look through your bookshelves or attic for any age-appropriate, gently used, children's books that you might contribute so that the teachers can provide literature for the children. Help us build up these essential

resources. While happy to have book donations at any time, we would especially like to convey them before the Literacy Night. Bring them Sunday! Second, there will be a craft project to make paper bag puppets and laminated bookmarks. If you have craft supplies on hand suitable for decorations (pipe cleaners, pompoms, etc.). please also donate those. And, if you long ago recycled your children's literature and craft supplies, consider a donation to be used by Faith's own super-shoppers. Thanks for making a difference.

Perring Loch Community Yard Sale

PLCA, our neighbor to the east, will host its First Annual Community Yard Sale at St. Matthews' on Saturday, **October 19** from 9:00 a.m. till noon. Vendor tables are \$20 and can be purchased via Eventbrite. The deadline to sign-up as a vendor is October 14th. There will be concessions and a Goodwill truck on site to donate items.

Book Club

We will be discussing "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore: A Novel" by **Robin Sloan**. It seemed like a lighter read was in order after last month's book "Educated." NPR named it Best Book of the year for what that is worth, but it comes highly recommended. The New York Times Book Review has this to say, "Part love letter to books, part technological meditation, part thrilling adventure, part requiem... Eminently enjoyable, full of warmth and intelligence." Book Club will meet at Pat and Jack Nesbitt's home on October 28th at 7 PM.

Strong Schools

If you are a teacher or the parent or grandparent of a student in a Maryland public school or if you are simply concerned about the fact that our schools have been drastically underfunded for years impacting our competitiveness and economic development, please join us in showing your support for the full funding of the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission. Appointed by the governor and the Maryland General Assembly in 2016, the Commission came out this year with its recommendations for the improvement of our schools and, while the recommendations have been accepted by the MGA, they have not yet been fully funded. To learn about the issues, go to the Strong Schools Maryland's website at strongschoolsmaryland.org. Please join us at a public forum to show support for the full funding of the Kirwan recommendations. The forum will take place at **6 pm on Thursday, Oct. 24**, at Dorothy I. Height Elementary School. If you would like to attend and would like to carpool from church, contact **Karen Meyers** at 410-627-1779 or karencmeyers@gmail.com.

CARES Pantry

Your donation, large or small, of any non-perishable food will make a difference. On behalf of GEDCO CARES' clients, thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund; your gifts are used to purchase fresh produce.

Fall Habitat Workdays

The Workdays are in! If you would like to get dirty, have fun, and make a difference, volunteer! The limit is 10 people per day. Upcoming dates are October 5, 19, 26. Call or text Natalie Wallace.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

Beverly Baker

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

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