



Camel through the Eye of the Needle, Church Portal, West Entrance  
Boniface Church, Dortmund, Germany

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 20, 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 Wondrous Love

setting David N. Johnson  
(1922-1987)

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

### \*Call to Worship

Phyllis Compton

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, and God will act.

**All: Though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.**

One: But this is the covenant that I will make with my people, says the Lord:

**All: Let your delight be in the Lord, who gives you the desires of your heart.**

~ taken from Psalm 37

### \*Hymn 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

### Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, creator of the stars and sea and giver of all good, we thank you for this our home; for the earth, home to all your children; and for the gift of life. Have mercy upon us now. How often we mistake our good intentions for actually doing your will! We hear your word; with Peter we say, "Yes! Yes, Lord!" but when it comes time to follow through, our faith is found wanting. Our convenience is at odds with your commands, and we choose our own comfort over your will. O God, have mercy upon us, and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to be your faithful people, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we are pledged and in whose strong name we pray. 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

*see page 6*

### \*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** Luke 18:18-30

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Grace, Justice, and Mercy"

**Rev. Speers**

\***Hymn 735** I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

**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** What a Friend

Mary McDonald  
(b. 1956)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to go in prayer!

*Greater love has no other than Jesus,  
who has laid down his life for his friends.  
He will never leave us or forsake us;  
he'll be with us to the end.*

Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

\***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**

**You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and spread our joy among people everywhere. We offer ourselves and our substance to do your work in the world, asking that you follow our offerings with your blessing, and keep us always in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

**\*Hymn 366** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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

**Postlude** Hyfrydol

George Thalben-Ball  
(1896-1987)

**Leading Worship Today**

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

**FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Forum** *Sundays 9:15 – Woodmont Room*

September 29 - October 27 – *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!

**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](http://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](mailto: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. Next opportunity to make a difference is October 26. Call or text Natalie Wallace.

### **Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Beverly Baker

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

### **Please Pray for Our PNC**

Karen Burd

Paula Burger

Neil Nemser

Pat Nesbitt

Mike Shirey

Judy Sperling

Natalie Wallace

Mozella Williams

# Glory and gratitude and praise

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