



Transformative Wave
Julia Watkins, American, founder of the energism art movement

ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6, 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.*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers

Minute for Mission Peace and Global Witness

Gathering *Today we'll use this time to learn some of the songs we'll be singing later.*

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

***Call to Worship**

Kurtis Moore

One: After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to them as they were sitting at the table, saying,

All: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

One: Then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

All: And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

~ from Mark 16:14-15, 19-20

***Hymn 311** Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

TOKYO

Prayer of Confession

One: Loving God, you believed in us before we were born. You put us in families to learn how to get along with people, and you give us your whole world to care for.

All: Help us to trust you in return.

One: Help us to pay attention when your Spirit speaks.

All: Help us to say what you want us to say and do what you want us to do.

One: Teach us real freedom.

All: Help us to learn how wonderful it feels when we are swimming with the current of your will.

One: May our hearts beat with your heart, and sing with your song, through the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Song of Praise** Heleluyan

from the Muskogee-Creek Nation

Heleluyan, Heleluyan, He-le, He-le*lu-yan...

***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

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 Genesis 1:1-2:4a, *a dramatic reading*

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon for All Ages

"This Treasure We Live On"

Rev. Speers

***Hymn** This Is My Father's World *see page 8*

TERRA PATRIS

OFFERING

*25 percent of today's Peace and Global Witness Offering remains
at Faith for the work of the Social and Environmental Justice Council.*

Offertory Halle, Halle, Halle

setting Hal Hopson

the congregation is invited to sing along with the choir

(b. 1933)

Jasmyn Toon, Djembe

***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**

Loving God, we place before you the fruits of our labors, returned in devotion to you. We ask that you follow them with your blessing as you make of us your servants. Gracious God, work through our offerings, and us, for the coming of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People *for God's earth and everything on it. The "earth-sphere" is tossed among the congregation, each person placing a hand over the earth and praying for it.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Children: Why do we say it's right to give God thanks and praise?

All: God made the whole universe and rescues us from hurting and sadness.

...the prayer continues 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:

Sanctus 556

ROBERTS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.
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All glory and blessing are yours, Saving God, for in your mercy you gave your own self in the person of Jesus Christ...*the prayer continues*

...Here, we are one with Jesus in holy Communion every time we share this bread and cup together, until he comes again.

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he was taken, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Later that night, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Children: What do we remember at this table?

We remember the gracious love of God for us, the death and resurrection of Christ for us, and the tender care of the Spirit for us. And remembering all this, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world, according to our Lord's commandment, not only now, but always, for every time we do this, we proclaim the joyful mystery until he comes.

Memorial Acclamation 557

ROBERTS

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

Children: What do we ask God to do at this table?

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts from your creation...*the prayer continues*

...And we ask, as Jesus feeds us, for the strength to be his risen body in the world, to serve the world in his name, until the day when you make all things new.

All: Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, and for Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, in beloved community with the Holy Spirit, now and forever; for we pray in the strong name of Jesus, who taught us, when we pray, to say:

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)* All are invited to the Lord's 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.

Hymns During the Distribution

595 Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

467 Give Us Light

JYOTHI DHO

Prayer

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

All: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

All: And forget not all God's benefits. 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 raising Jesus from the dead, and in that joy, we pledge ourselves in joyful service to the world, pouring out life abundant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

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

* **Hymn 526** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

...and let the whole church say:
Alleluia! Amen.

Choral Response Amen

Leon Roberts
(1950-1999)

Postlude Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

setting John Behnke
(b. 1953)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Curtis Moore, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

GENESIS READERS

Andy Fuller
Lauren Hill
Susan Johnston
Curtis Moore
Mary Speers

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.

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 about the issues, go to the Strong Schools Maryland website. 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 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

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TERRA PATRIS
Melody by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
This Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

In moderate time and graceful rhythm

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - tening ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, The birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

All na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa - ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

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