



Jesus Is Presented in the Temple (c. 1970)  
Vie de Jesus Mafa, Cameroon

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2, 2020

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.*

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary B. Speers

### Prelude I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

setting Calvin Taylor  
(b. 1948)

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

### \*Call to Worship

Ron Sperling

African take on the ancient hymn *All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord!*

One: All you big things, bless the Lord:

**All: Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria,**

One: Tall eucalyptus and shady mango trees,

**All: Bless the Lord! Praise God forever!**

One: All you tiny things, bless the Lord!

**All: Busy black ants and pollen dust,**

One: Wriggling tadpoles and water drops,

**All: Bless the Lord! Praise God forever! Everybody praise the Lord!**

### \*Hymn 633 Praise Ye the Lord

CLEVELAND

J. Jefferson Cleveland, (1937-1986)

### Prayer of Confession

a prayer of a Nigerian Christian

**God in heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. A bird called Satan has carried in one twig at a time. Before I knew it, Satan had built a dwelling place and was living in it. Today, loving God, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

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

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

### \*Gloria

Spiritual

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down! (repeat)**

### \*The Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

### Moment 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.**

Lesson Luke 2:22-40

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

### Sermon

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**Rev. Speers**

\*Hymn 137 He Came Down

Cameroon Song

HE CAME DOWN

## OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Shout for Joy

arr. Alan Bullard  
(b. 1947)

O Lord! Early in the morning, shout for joy!  
Late in the evening, feel like shouting, feel like praying.  
O Lord, shout for joy

\*Offering Response *reprise refrain of Hymn 633*

**Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord! *(repeat)***

### Dedication of Self and Substance

**Receive these gifts, O God, for they come from your mighty hand.**  
**Strengthen our hands to serve you: to heal, to comfort, and to give, just**  
**as Jesus did, for we pray in his strong name. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### The Invitation: Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

from *This Far by Faith, an African American Resource for Worship* (ELCA)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you for giving us life.

**We thank you!**

We thank you for giving us freedom.

**We thank you!**

We thank you for bringing us peace.

**We thank you!**

We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

**We thank you!**

We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

**We thank you!**

*the prayer continues...*

...Do this and remember me.

**The body of Christ! Amen.**

*the prayer continues...*

...Do this and remember me.

**The blood of Christ! Amen.**

We sing out together, rejoicing in the mystery of faith:

**Hymn 557** Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again! (repeat)**

*...the prayer concludes with...*

...with all the elders and ancestors of your people, and with all your children:

**And you, our prayer—Prayer of the long-distant past; you, ancient Word, spoken by the Creator; you, breath of the Spirit; prayer of the ancestors, you are spoken now—in the words Jesus taught us, saying...**

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring the Wine**

**Communion** *(by intinction) So that all may be welcome at the 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.*

**Prayer**

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

**And forget not all God's benefits.**

Let us pray:

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 giving us all good gifts in Christ, and pledge ourselves to serve you and the world you so love, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

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

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

LINSTEAD

*Jamaican Folk Melody*

\***Benediction**

*The service concludes following the postlude*

**Postlude** Finale from "First Sonata for Organ"

Florence B. Price  
(1887-1953)

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers**, *Interim Pastor*  
**Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music*  
**Ron Sperling**, *Liturgist*  
**The Chancel Choir**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*February has long been officially designated Black History Month. Many of our hymns and prayers this month will come from Africa and the African Diaspora down through the ages. If you have a favorite poem, prayer, or song from this diverse group of traditions, please let Rev. Speers or the office know, and we'll do our best to work it in—either this month or in months to come. There's no need to limit ourselves to February!*

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

"The Content of Our Character" led by **Dr. Arthur Sutherland**

In his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. said he dreamed of the day when all Americans "will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Today, as the current political crisis shows, good character is under assault from all sides. This four week series will explore the causes and results of poor character through the lenses of the Bible and theology.

### Offering Envelopes

The 2020 offering envelope are in the narthex. If you don't have envelopes and would like them, or if you don't need envelopes, please contact the office.

### Nursery Attendant Needed

A volunteer is needed each Sunday to cover the nursery. See **Robin Nemser** or put your name on the sign-up sheet by the nursery door.

### **Walter P. Carter School**

The remaining Walter P. Carter Family/Community Engagement Nights are as follows:

February 18: African American History, Culture, and Talent Exposition

March 17: "Know Your Rights" (when interacting with law enforcement) and Self-Defense Night

April 21: Holistic Wellness Night

May 19: STEAM and Science Fair Night

All are Tuesday nights, and the time is 5:30-7:30. The school is located at 1101 Winston Ave. If you are interested in getting involved, please email **Karen Meyers** (karencmeyers@gmail.com) or let Diane know.

### **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.

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

Betty Bunce

Beverly Baker

Nan Pohl

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

Karen Burd

Paula Burger

Neil Nemser

Pat Nesbitt

Mike Shirey

Judy Sperling

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