

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2020



Faith Presbyterian Church Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *The Lord's My Shepherd*

arr. Fred Bock
(1939-1998)

Call to Worship

Paula Burger

One: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

All: Christ reigns over all that is and all that will be.

One: This day we give thanks for joy and peace.

All: This day we celebrate God's promise of healing and renewal. Let us worship God together!

Hymn 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*
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FOREST GREEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Generous God, every good gift comes from you. Yet too often we do not live our lives with gratitude. Overwhelmed by what we don't have, we take for granted what we do. Bugged down, worn out, stretched too thin, we grow complacent and confuse our wants with our needs. Forgive our many shortcomings, O God, all that we have done which we should not have done; all the good we have failed to do.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

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Assurance of Grace

Gloria 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines of Me*
 verse 1

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3: 1-12

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

Music *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Michael Wilson
(b. 1952)

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Ripple Effect

Rev. David C. Harris

Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

verses 1 & 4, page 6

Minute for Stewardship

Patrick Baker

Prayers of the People and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Patrick Baker

Litany of Gratitude and Dedication of 2021 Pledges

This year has helped bring into focus the things which are most important, and for which we are grateful. For our litany of gratitude, please share an object or name something your are grateful for in 2020.

God, the challenge of this year has forced us to simplify our lives and helped us to focus on what is most important. For all the gifts we have named, we thank you. Receive our pledges as a testimony to our gratitude for your good gifts and grant us joy in giving back. We dedicate our pledges and offerings to help share the good news of your gracious love through the ministry of Faith Church. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Spirit we pray. Amen.

Hymn 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Sorti in C*

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. David C. Harris, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Paula Burger, *Liturgist*
Patrick Baker, *soloist*
Patrick Baker and Kristin Herber, *Zoom Moderators*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Today we welcome **Rev. David C. Harris** to the pulpit. David is no stranger to Faith Church; he served as our assistant pastor from 1971-1974 immediately upon his graduation from seminary. Most recently David retired after finishing an interim position at First and Franklin Presbyterian, and he is still a member of the Presbytery of Baltimore after 49 years. He is also a member of the Thomson family, having married Bonnie many years ago. Welcome back!

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought 712



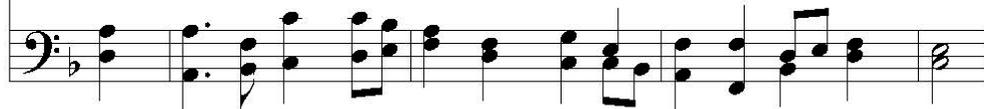
1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,
3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,



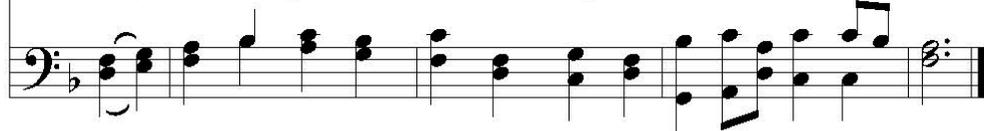

to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.




so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:
O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,




of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.
help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.



This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

TEXT: Frank von Christierson, 1960, alt.
MUSIC: English folk melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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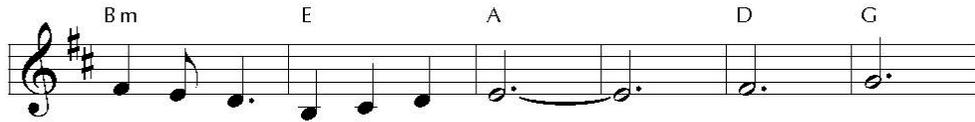
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Spirit

Refrain



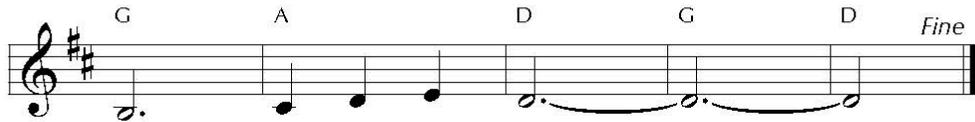
Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



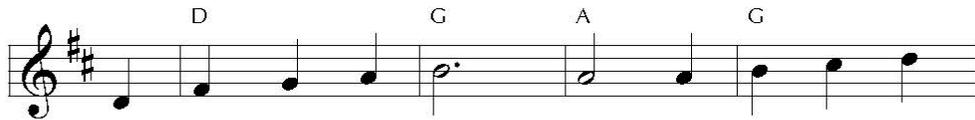
wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author / composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984
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I'M GONNA LIVE
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