

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 8, 2021



The Feeding of the 5000, acrylic on canvas
Magalona Justino (b. 1967) Filipino-Canadian, Milton Canada

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad that you made time to join us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

**Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Hymn of Praise*

J.E. Newell
(1843-ca.1936)

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

In the beginning, God created darkness and light

And God said, "That's good!"

In the beginning, God created earth and sky and sea

And God said, "Yes, that's good."

In the beginning, God created plants and animals, stars and planets

And God said, "That's good!"

In the beginning, God created humanity and community

And God said, "That is very good indeed."

Come let us worship our creator God who created us all so very good!

***Hymn 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God our creator, through scripture we hear the voices of our mothers and fathers in faith telling us story after story of your abundance. Yet we live in a world where many of the loudest voices use prophecies of scarcity as weapons of oppression. As an act of resistance, we confess our truth. It is true that for some of us, those voices stir our anxiety, leading us to hoard what we have and view others as threats. It is true that for some of us, those voices inspire terror because we are the oppressed, and we have lived through the suffering brought on by those who are privileged fearing they would not have enough. It is true that many of us forget or doubt those stories of your abundance that have been passed down to us. Meet us in these truths, O God, and in this time of silent prayer...

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Tragedy of the Commons

Rev. Jennifer Barchi

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 460** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



Offertory *If with All Your Hearts from Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*The prayer continues, concluding with*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be this day, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Prayer after Communion

God, at this table you draw us into your story of abundance, and we are so very grateful. Though we may have only a pinch of bread and a sip of the cup, you make it a feast for our souls. Nourished, may we go out into the world offering your light and love and life to all of creation. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 819** *Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Beach Spring*

setting Wilber Held
(1914-2015)

Passing of the Peace

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jennifer Barchi, *Guest Preacher*

Vivian Slacum, *Organist*

Mike Billings, *Liturgist*

Andy Fuller, *Audio and Camera*

Mozella Williams, *Zoom Moderator*

Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint Operator*

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*

Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*

Rev. Doris Cowan, *Parish Associate*

Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*

Today we welcome **Rev. Jennifer Barchi** to the pulpit. Jennifer is the Associate for Church and Leadership for the Baltimore Presbytery. Prior to joining the staff, she served as the solo pastor of Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church for 7 years. She has also served churches in Kansas City (where her mom lives), Philadelphia (her hometown), and Northern Ireland. Jennifer is a certified executive coach and consultant, and she enjoys leading organizations through strategic planning and visioning processes. In her spare time, Jennifer is a writer, painter, and aerialist. Most importantly, Jennifer is a wife and mom, and she lives in Parkville with her wife, Lauren, their 2-year-old son, Jonathan, and their two crazy dogs.

Please keep in your prayers:

Kay Ballard, diagnosed with endometrial cancer.

Continued prayers:

Doris Cowan

Nan Pohl

John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Ann Scheck

Faith's Homebound Members