

Sunday, October 3, 2021
World Communion Sunday



Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Ore Ofe Jesu*
The Grace of God

Godwin Sadoh, Nigerian
(b. 1965)

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

Call to Worship

Gabriella Anthony

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

All: God's people called to the table to be nourished by grace.

One: From down the street and neighborhoods nearby, from the city and the county and beyond:

All: God's people are called into community, to love and serve one another.

One: For every class, every race, every status, every age, every identity, every person, everyone:

All: The table is set, the feast is ready; let us worship God!

***Hymn 388** *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE
Zimbabwe

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, we come to you in prayer, bringing our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world. We come knowing that we have harmed others just as we have been harmed. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, harder to admit where we have been wrong. In our fear, we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride, we have mistaken our part for the whole. Break down walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all belong; a global community where all can flourish. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 48 *Rain Down*

RAIN DOWN

Musical score for 'Rain Down' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.'

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

Musical score for 'Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me' in 12/8 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.'

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Krista Wallace

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Music

Gospel Reading Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD
Jamaica

Minute for Mission

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 *Halle, Halle, Halle*

Caribbean Melody
setting Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

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 your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for inviting us to share in this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the globe who gather with us this day. Having been nourished at your table, may we go into the world which you so love to tear down walls of exclusion, to confront powers and principalities, to live and love boldly in the promise of your resurrection. Amen.

*Hymn 765 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA
South African

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *"La Bamba" from Triptico Mexicano*

Ramón Noble, Mexican
(1929-1999)

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Chancel Choir
Gabriella Anthony, *Liturgist*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*
Mozella Williams, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Please pray for:

Neal Hairston being treated for cancer.
Bobby Hall recovering from shoulder surgery.
The Barchi family
Kay Ballard as she makes decisions for treatment.

Continued prayers:

Robert Ingram, receiving memory care
Nan Pohl
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members

Announcements

The Forum *Sundays 9:15 Woodbourne Room & Zoom*

October

- 10th History of Presbyterian Abolition and Slavery, led by Mozella Williams with excerpts from Dr. William Yoo of Columbia Theological Seminary
- 17th Faith Church's commitment to racial justice. Coffee and conversation with Mozella Williams and John Colmers.
- 24th What is the Presbytery? Rev. Dr. Jackie Taylor, General Presbyter and Rev. Jennifer Barchi, Associate for Church and Leadership will discuss their roles in the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Family Sunday School *September 19 – October 24, 9:30*

Pre-K-1st grade will meet in classroom outside of the sanctuary. 2nd-5th will meet on third floor. Parents, grandparents, and others are invited to a small group in Woodmont room to connect and reflect about raising children in a family of faith.

Wednesday Bible Study *11:00 a.m. in Woodbourne Room & Zoom*

Starting September 8th. Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!