

## Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 31, 2021



Love Each Other, Houston TX  
Artist Unknown

*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.*

### Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns \*\*

#### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

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

**\*Call to Worship**

**Carly Burd**

God of the past whose hand shapes history,  
**We are here to thank you.**  
God of the future who goes ahead of us,  
**We are here to seek you.**  
God of the present, here in the midst of us,  
**We are here to praise you.**  
God beyond us, God within us,  
**We rejoice in your glorious love.**

**\*Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of all people, forgive us when we are unable to see your hand at work, when we forget who we are and to whom we belong. Forgive our failure to love one another, our many faults, and the fissures which divide us. Remind us that we are not alone; you are here, guiding us toward wholeness, reconciliation, and peace. 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: 'I 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

### A Moment with Faith Kids

### Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Reading Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The

first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Music** *How Firm a Foundation*

Larry Shackley  
(b. 1956)

**Old Testament Reading** Ruth 1: 1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said,  
'Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!'  
When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***Hymn 693** *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

**Minute for Mission** Stewardship

**Kristin & Carl Herber**

**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** *Forever with A Mighty Fortress*

arr. Jack Schrader  
(b. 1942)

**Prayers of the People and Our 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.**

**SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD**

\***Hymn 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

\***Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Now Thank We Call Our God*

David Cherwein  
(b. 1957)

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist**  
**Carly Burd, Liturgist**  
**Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera Operator**  
**Leanora Eubanks, Zoom Moderator**  
**Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint Operator**

**\*\*Joys and Concerns:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns, to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email: [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com)

**This week we pray for:**

Family and friends of June Rowe as they grieve her death.  
Kay Ballard  
The Barchi family  
Neal Hairston  
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Robert Ingram  
Bobby Hall  
Ann Scheck  
Faith's homebound members

## Announcements

**Gather Us In!** Our Stewardship Campaign begins today. We will dedicate pledges on Sunday, November 21, and weather permitting, celebrate with Subs & Sundaes after worship.

**October Halloween Carnival** – *Today following worship on the South Lawn.*

Hope you will stay after worship for a pizza lunch, games, and more!

**All Saints** –

Next Sunday, November 7, Faith will remember members of our congregation who have died in the past year. If you would like to add the name of your family and friends who have died since November 1, 2020, please email [catfaithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:catfaithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

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

*November*

7<sup>th</sup> Healing Our City – Patty Flowers-Coulton from Turnaround Tuesday will lead the discussion.

14<sup>th</sup> Healing Our Neighborhood – Rep. Mark Conway, Baltimore city council representative from the 4<sup>th</sup> district will be with us!

21<sup>st</sup> Vegetarian Cooking – Cat & Dary Goodrich will share tips and recipes.

*Advent November 28 through December 19*

Advent Study Group

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

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

**Hand Bells and Chancel Choir** *Rehearsal Thursdays*

The Faith Bell Choir rehearses at 6pm. Never played bells? We'll teach you everything you need to know. You get to wear white gloves and be a part of a fun-loving bunch. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7pm, come and make a joyful noise with your friends at Faith!

**Steel Pan Drums**

A new, all ages group is forming now, rehearsal will be on Saturdays at 10. Please contact Samuel, [widor1@yahoo.com](mailto:widor1@yahoo.com), if you are interested.

## Welcoming Visitors to Faith Church

**Visitors are welcome at Faith** – we are a community that seeks, stands, and serves together. If you would like to learn more about how to join us in that ministry by becoming a member of our congregation, email the pastor Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrichpcbalt@gmail.com](mailto:cgoodrichpcbalt@gmail.com).

**Playground** – children are welcome at Faith! At the front of the sanctuary, there is a *Playground* for younger ones. There you will find books, coloring pages, children's bulletin, and other quiet activities to keep small hands busy during worship.

**Restroom** – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.