

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 13, 2022



Rich and Poor City, Sao Paulo Brazil (2004)
Tuca Vieira, photographer (b. 1974)

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

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *I want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

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

***Call to Worship**

Robin Nemser

Those who are rooted and grounded in God are like trees planted beside a flowing stream, **whose leaves do not wilt or wither, and which yield sweet fruit in season.** Put down your roots, friends of Christ! Drink deeply from the stream of life. **Let the ground of our being be the goodness of God! Alleluia! Amen!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice. Yet we are quick to anger and slow to forgive, reluctant to love and to serve. Our fractured relationships leave us lonely and hurting. Forgive and heal us, that we might find neverending wells of compassion deep within. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 578 *O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 583 *Glory to God*

GLORY

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Music *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Daniel Towner
(1850-1919)

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Blessed?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 485** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

Minute for Mission *Souper Bowl of Caring*

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 *Adoration*

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art 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** *Our Goings and Coming*

**Our going and coming,
Our end and beginning,
Are safe in your keeping,
God, our endless blessing.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Festal Song*

Seth Bingham

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Robin Nemser, Liturgist
Neil Nemser, soloist
Mozella Williams, Zoom Moderator
Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

****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

This week we pray for:

Neal Hairston
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Robert Ingram
Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members

Announcements

Yearly Directory Update

Have you moved? Changed your email address, phone number? Please let the office know as we will be publishing an updated directory. If you would like your photo updated or we don't have a photo, please send it via email to faithchurchbalt@gmail.com

THE FORUM *9:15 on Zoom*

The Theology of the City

February 6-27 – Dr. Arthur Sutherland

This is a four-week series on the theology of the city. We are going to look at three views of the city found in the Bible and relate our findings to our own experiences and thinking about living in the city. The first three weeks would look at contrasting views of the city: Are cities good or bad? What do cities promise or offer? What are the problems of cities?

The last week would be a group meditation on FPC's mission in relation to what we have discovered.

Wednesday Bible Study *11:00 a.m. on Zoom*

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

Souper Bowl of Caring

Every year, Faith's youth group raises money on Super Bowl Sunday (today) for Tackle Hunger's Souper Bowl of Caring. In these times it is even more important to get food and other necessities to those in need. To donate, look for Faith Kids with Soup Pots following worship, or you can give online through PayPal (send money to @faithchurchbalt), or mail a check to the church office (note Souper Bowl in the memo line). You can also bring personal care items to donate to the CARES Pantry and leave them in the box at church. Any donation you make will be incredibly helpful, thank you Faith Church community members!

Cookies for CARES For many years Faith has donated containers of cookies to the CARES pantry to offer a special treat for its clients on Valentine's Day. Cookie boxes are in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for you to fill with homemade or store-bought cookies. Please return filled boxes by **ASAP**. Karen Meyers will pick up the cookies if you prefer. Dave Meyers has graciously purchased the boxes, please return any unfilled boxes before the end of the month.