

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 20, 2022**



Love Your Enemy
Part of a street art initiative in an Ithaca, NY,
seen during a community Green Buildings open house.

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 *Praise to the Lord*

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

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

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Doris Cowan

Glory be to God: Loveliness beyond all beauty!

Quiet strength beyond all power!

Love beyond all kindness!

Light outshining all the lights of the universe!

Glory be to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all!

Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we do not follow Jesus in all we say and do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We settle for a false peace instead of seeking justice. We do not treat others as we wish to be treated. Forgive us, we pray! Empower us to be more like Christ as we love, serve, and work together for a world made new. 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 Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your God is merciful.

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Radical Reciprocity

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

GIFT OF LOVE

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 *Soldier After All*

Mike Shirey, *guitar & vocals*

John Gorka
(b. 1958)

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 340** *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

***Charge and Sung Benediction**

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

Postlude *Toccata on Ein Feste Burg*

Gordon Young
(1919-1997)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Vivian Slacum, Guest Organist

Rev. Doris Cowan, Liturgist

Mozella Williams, Zoom Moderator

Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

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

****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:

Ellen Bernard's sister

Neal Hairston

Chandra Jackson

John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Robert Ingram

Sandra McWhirter

Ann Scheck

Faith's homebound members

Announcements

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 exploring 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 examine 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 will 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!