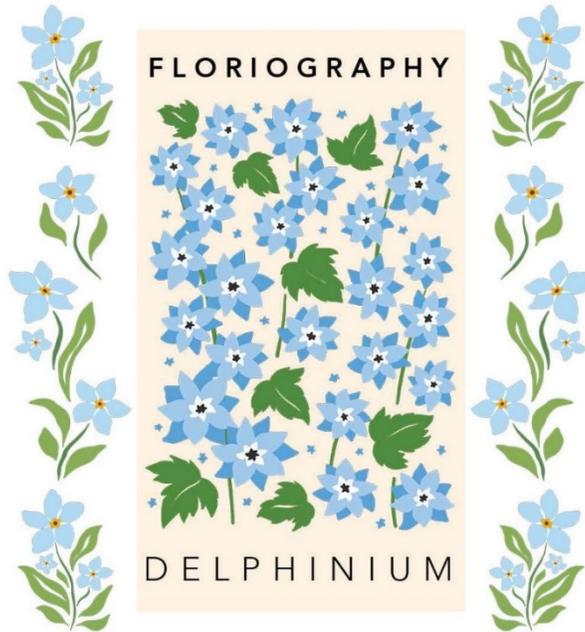


Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 20, 2022



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 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

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

***Call to Worship**

Karen Burd

Everyone who thirsts for righteousness,

Come to the waters of life!

Everyone who is hungry for justice,

Come and be fed by the Spirit!

We follow the One who offers us living water,

the One who shares the bread of life.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 479** *Ho, All Who Thirst*

JACOB'S WELL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Creation, you pour out life abundant for us, but we fill our cups with that which can never satisfy. You call us to care and to share what we have, but we think only of ourselves: our own needs and wants. The ground of our being is parched – we cannot bear good fruit. Forgive us! Have patience as we amend who we are, that we might become who you call us to be. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 431 Forgive Us, Lord

CONFESIÓN

Musical score for Kyrie 431, "Forgive Us, Lord". The score is in 3/2 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a "Fine Leader" section, marked with a repeat sign and a fermata. The lyrics are: "3 In your e - ter - nal mer - cy: For-give us, Lord. for - In your sus - tain - ing grace: give us, Lord. for-give us, Lord." The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and bass notes in the left hand.

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 544 Bless the Lord

BLESS THE LORD

Musical score for Gloria 544, "Bless the Lord". The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and bass notes in the left hand.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-12

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Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Music *Sweet Hour of Prayer/Just as I am Without One Plea*

Janet Vogt

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nourished to Thrive

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 442** *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

Minute for Mission

Story Walk

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Hal H. Hopson
(b. 1933)

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 80** *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

***Charge and Benediction**

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
The Sanctuary Choir
Karen Burd, *Liturgist*
Mozella Williams, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*
Mike Shirey, *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:

Ellen Bernard's sister
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Robert Ingram

Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members
The people of Ukraine

Announcements

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!

Harford House Lasagna Night *March 31*

The meal would be delivered to Harford House that afternoon. If you would like to contribute a pan of lasagna, makings for a salad, salad dressing, garlic bread, iced tea, and/or cookies for dessert, please contact Susan Minor at 410-254-2779.

Easter Egg Hunt *Saturday April 16*

If you would like to **donate plastic eggs, or candy**, please bring them to church anytime during Lent. Please leave them in the second floor kitchen. Questions? Please call Karen Burd 443-613-4152. kjhburd@gmail.com

The Forum *Sundays 9:15 in person and on Zoom*

The Forum will be led by Pastor Cat Goodrich this week, with discussion prompted by our Lenten Flower Power Calendar "A Floriography of Lent" and an invitation to commit to environmental stewardship in a new way this Lent.

Lenten Movies

Sundays during Lent! Dinner (bring your own) 5:30 PM;

Movies start at 6:00 in the Woodmont Room

March 20 - Neither Wolf nor Dog

March 27 - Honeyland

April 3 - My Octopus Teacher

April 10 - Mission: Joy - Finding Happiness in Troubled Times.