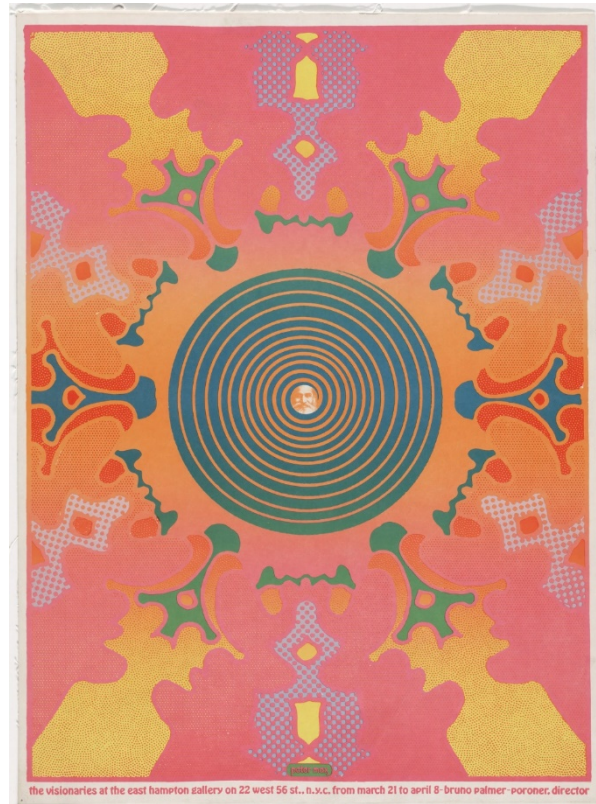


**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 15, 2022**



The Visionaries, multiple media
Peter Max, (b. 1937) German

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 *Prelude on "Morwellham" (O Holy City, Seen of John)*

Seth Bingham
(1882-1972)

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

***Call to Worship**

Krista Wallace

The world is divided, separated by difference and broken by rivalries.

But God calls us into community, to be one body: the body of Christ in the world.

Through scripture read and water splashed,

with words of forgiveness and promises of hope,

God draws us together across our differences,

**And connects us as members of one household, one human family. Let us worship
God together!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of resurrection life, we confess that we allow our dreams to be limited by the world that we see. We stopped imagining long ago; we believe in little, and hope for even less. Forgive us, God of grace. Enable us to not only dream, but to live your dream of a world where all are welcomed and valued, where children thrive, and where all have life and have it abundantly. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 437 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, flow'rs of earth and buds of
heav'n.*

New Testament Reading Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

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 *Jubilate*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1781)

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 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude on "Hyfrydol"*

John Barr
(b. 1938)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
The Sanctuary Choir
Krista Wallace, *Liturgist*
Patrick Baker, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

This week we pray for:

John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Robert Ingram
Ann Scheck

Faith's homebound members
The people of Ukraine

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you found our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, www.faithpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org.

KIDS are welcome at Faith! Our PRAYGROUND at the front of the sanctuary is for children 6 and younger during worship. There are books and quiet activities to keep hands busy so ears can listen, and it's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

We gather weekly for BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 11:00 on Zoom. Join Pastor Cat to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!
Meeting ID: 889 4622 1070, Passcode: 709765

The Forum Sundays at 9:15 in Woodmont Room and on Zoom

May 8, 15, & 22 *"Hidden Gospels" and our New Testament*

How did our Bible come to be? Have you ever wondered why the Gospel of Thomas isn't in our New Testament? Using videos from Dr. Elaine Pagels, Dr. Margaret Aymer, and others, Rev. Goodrich will lead us in an exploration of these hidden texts. Join us!