

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 21, 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

Mozella Williams

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Forlana*

Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

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

***Call to Worship**

We come to you O God, as to a wellspring:

May we drink deeply, and be renewed by your grace.

We come to you O Christ, as the church's one foundation:

May we stand in confidence, to testify to your love for the world.

We come to you, Holy Spirit, source of compassion:

May our hearts be wide open, ready to receive your mercy.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too real to hide, too heavy to carry, and too deep to undo. Shame shadows us, and we fear that our hearts are too broken to ever be fully mended. Forgive us, holy One, and heal our wounds, that we might be set free to live as your changed people once more. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Assurance of Grace

Rev. David C. Harris

*Gloria 538 *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hal-le-lu-jah! We sing your prais-es; all our hearts are filled with glad-ness. Hal-le-lu-jah! We sing your prais-es; all our hearts are filled with glad-ness. Fine

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Micah 6: 6-8*

'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Music *I'm Gonna So God Can Use Me*

arr. Paul Taylor
(b. 1960)

Gospel Reading *John 3: 1-10*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rebirth and Discipleship

Rev. Harris

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

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 *The Ash Grove*

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

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 686** *God of Our Life*

SANDON

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Will you Come Follow Me*

Denis Bedard
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. David C. Harris, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mozella Williams, *Liturgist*
Robin Nemser, *Children's Sermon*
Chandra Jackson, *Elder of the Day*
Karen Burd, *Zoom Moderator and PowerPoint*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

Today we welcome **Rev. David C. Harris** to the pulpit. David has been honorably retired since June 2016. His last position was as Acting Head of Staff at Harundale Presbyterian Church June-August 2017. Before that he was interim pastor at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church for 2½ years. He is a 1971 graduate of Louisville Seminary and ordained that same year. He has served in a variety of capacities in the Presbyterian Church:

- Associate General Presbyter Baltimore Presbytery
- Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Campus Pastor
- Interim Pastor: Prince of Peace, Lakeland, Bethel, Fallston, Chestnut Grove and First & Franklin in Baltimore Presbytery
- Pastoral Counselor
- Parish Associate: Govans Presbyterian Church Baltimore

****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:

Ann Scheck
Linda Seward
Faith's homebound members

The people of Ukraine
Victims of gun violence

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.faihpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihpcbalt.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.

School Supply Drive! Join others in our North Baltimore Presbyterians Ministry Group to support the students of Walter P. Carter as they return to school in a few weeks! Bring or ship supplies to Faith. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For a complete list by grade, scan the qr code.

