

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 24, 2022



We Believe!

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

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Prelude on "Trentham"

Edwin T. Childs
(b. 1945)

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

***Call to Worship**

Christ said, "Ask, and it will be given to you..."

We come with our questions and petitions, trusting they are welcome here.

He said, "Seek, and you shall find..."

We come to seek the one who will not stop searching until we are found.

God promises, "Knock, and the door will be opened to you..."

Alleluia! Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, around us and within us, we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. We wring our hands while violence wreaks havoc as if there were nothing more we could do. Our prosperous land benefits only a few; it is not the promised land of our longing. For the times we neglect to respond to the needs of others with compassion, and fail to attend to the leading of your Spirit, forgive us, we pray! Mend our hearts, that we might be instruments of your peace and reconciliation. 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

*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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3:1-11¹

My children, don't ever forget these lessons,
and keep these principles in your heart;
they'll bring you the length of days, years of life
and above all, peace and prosperity:

Never let love and faithfulness abandon you—
Wear them like a necklace around your neck;
inscribe them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you'll enjoy kindness and a good reputation
from both God and people.

Trust YHWH with all your heart
and don't rely on your own understanding;
acknowledge God in everything you do,
and God will direct your paths.

Don't be wise in your own eyes;
Revere God and avoid evil.
This will provide health to your body,
and enrichment health to your bones.

Honor God with all that you have,
and with the first and best part of what you create;
then your silos will be filled with wheat
and your barrels filled with wine.

My children, don't despise God's reprimand
or God's discipline is a sign of divine love,
the way a parent corrects a beloved child.

Music *All the Way My Savior Leads Me with Minuet and Trio K. 1*

Wolfgang A. Mozart
arr. Shayla Blake

Gospel Reading Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.

 Your kingdom come.
 Give us each day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our sins,

¹ *The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation* by Priests for Equality, Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD, 2007

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Are You Afraid to Ask for The Holy Spirit?

Father Joe Muth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *God, Our Nation Feels the Loss*

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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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*New Zealand Prayer Book*²

O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you; may we work with you to establish your new order of justice, peace, and love; give us what we need for growth, and help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness. Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil, for all tenderness, strength, and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 175** *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

***Charge and Benediction**

² *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, HarperCollins: San Francisco, 1989.

Leading Worship Today

Father Joe Muth, Guest Preacher

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist

Paula Burger, Liturgist; Elder of the Day

Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

Today Faith Church welcomes Father Joe Muth to the pulpit. Joe was born and raised in Govans, where, along with his two brothers and six sisters, he attended St. Mary's parish on York Road. Joe went to St. Mary's elementary school, St. Paul Latin High School, St. Charles Seminary in Catonsville, St. Mary's Seminary on Paca Street and Roland Ave. He went back to school when he was 61 and graduated from Fordham University in 2014. Joe was ordained a priest in 1974 and has served in six parishes in Baltimore. For the last 30 years, he's been friends with Faith Church while serving as the pastor at St. Matthew's. During that time Joe worked with Dr. Wereley, Pastor Robin White, Pastor Christa Burns, and now Pastor Cat Goodrich. At St. Matthew, he founded the IOSC (Immigration Outreach Service Center) and established a Gay and Lesbian outreach group called LEAD (LGBTQ+ Educating and Affirming Diversity). Father Joe now serves as a Chaplain at Notre Dame of Maryland University.

****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:

John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Faith's homebound members

Robert Ingram

The people of Ukraine

Ann Scheck

Victims of gun violence

Linda Seward

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.

God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Pilot

John E. Gould, 1871

1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil-dren pay the
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a-
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je-sus'
cost for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the
-way!" May we build a kind - er land where our
name. May we shout and say, "E - nough!" May we
si - lence we have kept. Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren
chil - dren un - der - stand: Ev - ery child here mat - ters
build a world of love— till the sounds of weap-ons
gone; God of love, this can't go on!
more than the guns we clam - or for.
cease, till our young can grow in peace.

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