

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 31, 2022**



The Pharisee and the Publican
Vie de Jesus Mafa, Cameroon

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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

setting Dan Miller
(b. 1954)

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

***Call to Worship**

Judy Sperling

Come, curious ones: bring your questions about the world...

We will explore them together.

Come, weary ones: lay down your burdens for a while...

We will carry them together.

Come, searching ones: share what you've discovered on your journey...

We will listen and learn together.

Let us worship God who welcomes our questions, offers us rest, and sustains us along the way.

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, Ruler of All, sometimes the world seems so strange, and our place in it uncomfortable and uncertain. You are the one who can help us make meaning, and yet we settle for easy answers, or forget to wonder at all. We pray to you, O God, who wills good for creation; to you, O Christ, who makes all things new; to you, Holy Spirit, healer of the nations. Accept our repentance for wanting too much of the world on our own terms, and guide us to a new way – peace on your terms. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Two systems of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of D major. The first system includes the lyrics: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The second system includes the lyrics: "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

Three systems of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of D major. The lyrics are: "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." The score concludes with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, 20-25*

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

Music

Mike Shirey, *guitar and vocals*

Gospel Reading *Luke 18: 9-17*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith Values: Spiritual Formation

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 188** *Jesus Loves Me!*

JESUS LOVES ME

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

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 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

***Affirmation of Faith**

PCUSA Study Catechism (questions 8-10)

How do you understand the love and power of God?

Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's love for the world — a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it.

What comfort do you receive from this truth?

This powerful and loving God is the one whose promises I may trust in all the circumstances of my life, and to whom I belong in life and in death.

Do you make this confession by yourself?

No. With all those before me who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ, and with all who serve him on earth here and now, I confess my faith in this loving and powerful God.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Judy Sperling, *Liturgist*
Ted Wallace and Bobby Hall, *Elder of the Day*
Mike Shirey, *Guitar & Vocals*
Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*
Andy Fuller, *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:

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.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.