

Gather Us In Sunday

Sunday, September 11, 2022



Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you 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 and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

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

***Call to Worship**

Kristin Herber

Come, all you people, come and praise your maker!

We come with open hearts and open minds, ready to find God in this place.

Come with your joy and come with your sorrow...

For the Spirit meets us where we are, just as we are, to guide us along the way.

Come you who are lost, and filled with doubt...

For Christ came to seek and save the lost!

Come you who are held by the love that surpasses all our understanding...

Let us worship God together!

Song *All Belong Here

Hannah Rand

Lenora Rand

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Refrain

*Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here*

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Refrain

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we admit that at times we feel lost. Trapped in a relentless cycle of bad news, we have lost our peace. In our selfishness, we have lost our ability to care for others. In our self-reliance, we have forgotten that without you, we are nothing. Forgive our wandering hearts, we pray, and guide us back to your way. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Assurance of Grace

***Gloria 544** *Bless the Lord*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you...
... **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Sung Prayer for Illumination 469 Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Psalter Reading Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

James Herber

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who by understanding made the heavens,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who made the great lights,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;

It is God who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes,
for God's steadfast love endures forever;
who gives food to all flesh,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Music *Big Backyard*

Molly Tuttle

New Testament Reading Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Song** *Get Together*

Chester Powers
Chester William Powers Jr.

Love is but a song to sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

Refrain:
*Come on people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another
Right now*

Some may come and some may go
We shall surely pass
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last
We are but a moment's sunlight
Fading in the grass

Refrain

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand (listen!)
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command

Refrain

Right now
Right now

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

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator Christ and Spirit one!

OLD HUNDRETH

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The prayer continues, concluding with...

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

We will share communion by intinction this morning, forming a large circle and serving one another. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and eat both elements together. As you pass the bread, say, "this is the bread of life, broken for you." As you pass the cup, say, "this is the cup of heaven, poured out for you." If you prefer a sealed cup, take one from the basket that will be passed as well.

If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Music Crowded Table

Brandi Carlile
Lori McKenna
Natalie Nicole Hemby

Prayer after Communion

God of the feast, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. May Christ who has nourished us be our peace, breaking down the barriers between us and binding us together as one body. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. All God's people say, Amen!

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Song** *Will the Circle be Unbroken*

Roy Acuff

I was standing by my window
On one cold and cloudy day
When I saw that hearse come rolling
For to carry my mother away

Refrain:

*Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, Lord, by and by
There's a better home a-waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky*

I said to that undertaker
Undertaker please drive slow
For this lady you are carrying
Lord, I hate to see her go

Refrain

Oh, I followed close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in the grave

Refrain

I went back home Lord, my home was lonesome
Missed my mother, she was gone
All of my brothers, sisters crying
What a home so sad and lone

Refrain

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Please join us for a picnic following worship

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Kristin Herber and James Herber, Liturgists

The Ararat Mountain Boys
Wes Burton, bass guitar
Paul Botzler, mandolin
Mike Shirey, guitar & vocals
Mike Rodbell, banjo

Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint & Zoom Moderator

****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

The Forum *Sundays at 9:15 in Woodbourne Room*

September 18 - Introduction to *Who Stole My Bible?* by Rev. Jennifer Butler

September 25 – Author **Rev. Jennifer Butler** will join us to continue the discussion of *Who Stole My Bible?*

Belonging: Stories of Faith *Today, 7-8:30p*

This year, Faith has participated in the Congregational Fellowship program through the Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies. You are invited to a storytelling event to hear the testimonies of program participants, including our own Krista Wallace, Deb Comers, and Pastor Cat Goodrich. Please register for either in-person at Bon Secours Retreat Center, 1525 Marriottsville Rd, Marriottsville, MD 21104 or live-streamed attendance at www.icjs.org/storytelling.