Sunday, November 6, 2022

A Service of Healing and Wholeness for All Saints Day



Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP

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.

Remembering the Saints

If you would like to add the name of loved one who has died since November 2021 to be added to our roll call of the saints during the communion prayer, please write their name on an index card (found in your pew).

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude I Stand at the Threshold

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship Nancy Gulsoy

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith we are gathered to bear witness to the living God.

By faith this church was built, and has endured for many generations.

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

We shall run the race that is set before us;

We will run and not grow weary, we will press on and not lose heart.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, in Christ you came and offered healing. Yet, we resist, reluctant to change our old habits, hesitant to learn new ways. Instead, we hide our brokenness and are estranged from one another; we persist in patterns that do not lead to flourishing. Have mercy on us! Help us care for one another; heal, renew, and restore us to abundant life. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Chandra Jackson

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly

places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Music I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr. (1945–2014)

Gospel Reading Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

Thanks be to God.

Meditation All the Saints Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer Stations

- Remembering the Saints who have shaped us: yarn wrapped sticks.
 - o Take a stick from the jar.
 - o Consider a few of the saints who have been significant for you on your faith journey. Who has shaped you? Encouraged you? Helped you along your path? Select a color of yarn or embroidery floss to represent each person. If you want, pick a button or charm or two to add as well.

- o Tie the first piece of yarn onto your stick, then begin wrapping. As you wrap, hold that person in your mind and heart, giving thanks to God for them. What is something you learned from them?
- o When you're ready, tie the next piece of yarn to the first piece and continue wrapping. As you wrap, think of another saint who has encouraged you. Continue in this way, adding yarn and buttons or other adornments as you are so inspired, until your stick is covered. You may take it with you as a reminder of your saints, or leave it in the jar, so that we have a beautiful bouquet representing our saints here at Faith!
- Candle Lighting: come forward to light a candle in memory of one of your saints, a loved one who has died. Give thanks to God for their life and for what they meant to you.
- Names around the Table: Come to the communion table to add your name to our tablecloth if you haven't already, and then write the name of someone who has shared this meal with you and is not here today. Maybe this is a saint of Faith Church who has died, or a parent or relative whose faith gave birth to yours, who has gone on ahead of us into God's embrace. By writing their name, you honor their memory around our table.

***Hymn 470** There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

Minute for Stewardship

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 *Give Thanks*

arr. Henry Smith

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

Today, we remember and give thanks for the lives of these saints of Faith Church who have died since last November: Robert Ingram Jr, Linda Seward, Lynn Weber.

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

In the sanctuary, you may either receive the juice by intinction (dip the bread in the cup,) or with the sealed cup to take back to your pew. Either way, come forward by the center aisle and returned by the outside aisle.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you are always the host and for that, we are grateful. For the times we have gathered with our loved ones here at this table, we thank you; may this feast ever remind us of the love we have shared with them and the love you share with us. Carry us out into the world with peace in our hearts and strength for the journey. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 326 For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

Charge and Benediction

Postlude For All the Saints

setting David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Nancy Gulsoy, Liturgist
Ayanna Freelon, soloist
Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint & Zoom Moderator
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

This week we pray for:

Ann Scheck The people of Ukraine Faith's homebound members 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.

This fall, **kids will meet for Sunday School** during worship. Pre-k through 1st graders will meet in the classroom just outside of the sanctuary; 2nd-6th graders will go upstairs to the second classroom.

^{**}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.

Together they will engage the scripture for the day with crafts, games and activities, using Sparkhouse lectionary curriculum. Then, they will return to worship at the conclusion of the service. On communion Sundays, the kids will stay for the entire service.

The Forum Sundays at 9:15 in Woodbourne Room

November 13 & 20 – We will focus on Cuba by watching *The Belly of the Beast: the War on Cuba* and reflecting together. Audrey Trapp, Yaneldis Boullon Delgado, and the filmmaker, Reed Lindsay will join us to facilitate and contribute to the discussion.