

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 16, 2022



Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge breaks world record at Berlin Marathon
New York Times

**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.

Welcome

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart*

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

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

***Call to Worship**

Nancy Gulsoy

We gather for worship seeking to quiet our busy minds for a while...

God calls us to worship the Word made flesh.

We gather for worship, seeking to center our bodies, to find peace in the week ...

God calls us to worship, where we discern the Spirit of Truth.

We gather for worship, seeking strength for the journey, to persist in the paths of discipleship...

God calls us to worship, where we are nourished by Word and Spirit, silence and song. Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, here we are again. We have come because our sin is heavy, and we can't bear it alone. We have come because we long for news that is good. We have come because at times we feel like giving up, doubtful that the world will ever change. Hear our cries. Receive our prayers. Heal our hurts. Welcome us with open arms, and overcome our doubts with your redemptive love. In silence, we entrust our brokenness to your compassionate care...

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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Music *Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners!*

Priscilla King

Gospel Reading Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

GRIT

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 661** *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

SPARROW

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 *Lord; Listen to your Children Praying*

setting Jack Schrader
(b. 1942)

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 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude on "Hyfrydol"*

John Barr
(b. 1938)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Nancy Gulsoy, *Liturgist*
Judy Sperling, *Elder of the Day*
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
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.

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. 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.

Make a joyful noise! Join our STEEL DRUM band! Starting Saturday, October 15, learn to play steel drums with **Josanne Francis** of Steel on Wheels. This all-ages group will meet for 7 weeks from 10:30-12. It is free and open to all! Please let Samuel know if you plan to participate!

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

October 2, 16, 30 – *Dialogue for Peaceful Change*. A new Forum series on conflict transformation begins on October 2 (and continues on October 16 and 30). **Rev. Kate Foster** and **Karen Burd** will lead our engagement and exploration of conflict and peace building using tools and a mediation methodology developed by the Dialogue for Peaceful Change. Colin Craig, former Director of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland, trained Kate and Karen (and Cat) in this methodology last spring, and they are training others in the hopes of transforming conflict and building peace in Baltimore.