

Sunday, October 2, 2022
World Communion Sunday



Last Supper, pure wool Aubusson tapestry
John Coburn (b. 1925) Queensland, Australia

**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 and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Ore Ofe Jesu*

The Grace of God

Godwin Sadoh, Nigerian
(b. 1965)

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

Call to Worship

Milton Aldana

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people called to the table to be nourished by grace.

From my neighborhood and yours, from the city and the county, from here and there:

God's people are called into community, to love and serve one another.

For every class, every race, every status, every age, every identity, every person, all of us:

The table is set, the feast is ready; let us worship God!

***Hymn 388** *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE
Zimbabwe

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all people, you show us grace and offer us peace through the community which nurtures us. Set us free from narrow-mindedness and wake us up from tired complacency. Open our eyes, that we may see the work of your Spirit everywhere it is made manifest, with people around the world. Help us to trust the paths where you lead us, even when others may go a different way. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

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

Robin Nemser

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,

and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Music *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Jason Krug
(b. 1978)

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

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

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

***Hymn 176** *If You Only Had Faith*

SI TUVIERAS FE
Caribbean

Minute for Mission Peace and Global Witness

Paula Burger

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

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 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

God of all people, for this feast, we thank you. May the meal we have shared knit us ever more closely together with your church around the world, unified in Spirit, in mission, in love. Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences; give us hearts big enough to love all people. We are grateful that you have set a table big enough for us all. In your many names we pray, Amen.

***Hymn 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD
Jamaica

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

setting John Behnke
(b. 1953)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Chancel Choir
Milton Aldana, Liturgist
Vincent Stringer, Soloist
Paula Burger, Elder of the Day
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera
Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator and PowerPoint

****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.faihpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihpcbalt.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.

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-5th 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 – We will begin an exploration of *Conflict Transformation with Dialogue for Peaceful Change*, led by **Kate Foster** and **Karen Burd**.