

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 9, 2022



**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 *Shall We Gather at the River*

arr. John Barr
(b. 1938)

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

***Call to Worship**

Natalie Wallace

Come, faithful ones! Bring your joy, singing praise to God.

We come with joy to worship!

Come, faithful ones! Bring your needs, so we might pray for God's provision.

We come with our needs to worship.

Come, faithful ones! Bring your whole selves, open to hearing God's word.

We come with open hearts to worship.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Healing God, you came to us as Christ, the wounded healer. But some days we hope for flashy miracles, and forget to seek your presence in the simple, everyday tasks that are before us. When we fail to notice the sacred in the ordinary, forgive us! Open to us the extraordinary gifts that each day presents, and guide us onto your path to healing. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 5:1-6, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

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

Sermon

Why Does It Have to Be Hard?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 840** *When Peace like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

Minute for Mission *Tree Festival*

Bill Curtis

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 *It's Me, It's me, It's me Oh Lord*

Traditional Spiritual

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 795** *Healer of Our Every Ill*

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Toccatà from "Suite Gothique"*

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Natalie Wallace, Liturgist
Phyllis Compton, Deacon of the Day
Kristin Herber, 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.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-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.

Come, Let Us Worship God

The musical score is arranged in four systems. Each system consists of a piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) and a vocal line (treble clef). The piano accompaniment includes chord symbols: F, F#sus4/G, F/A, F#sus4/Bb, and F#sus4/C. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "Come, let us wor-ship God. Come, let us wor-ship God." The score is written in a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C).

Wel - come ev - 'ry - one Wel - come ev - 'ry - one

Dm Am/C Bb Dm Am/C Bb

to the love of God. to the

F Fsus4

love of God.

F/A Fsus4/Bb Fsus4/C F

Additional verses: Rest for the weary . . .
 Food for the hungry . . .
 Hope for the children, etc.