

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 18, 2022**



Parable of the Unjust Steward, oil on oak wood
Painting Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Rembrandt (1666-1669) Netherlands

**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. Christa Fuller Burns

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Spitfire Prelude*

William Walton
(1902-1983)

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

***Call to Worship**

God calls us together from all our various places of work and gives to us this time to think about what is most important.

God calls us together so that we remember who it is we worship and how we take care of what God has given to us.

Let us worship God who is merciful and generous beyond the limits of our imaginations.

***Hymn 31** *Let Us with a Gladsome Mind*

MONKLAND

Prayer of Confession

**God of the spirit of kindness,
in the glory of earth and sea and stars,
in the kaleidoscope of color and shade and shapeliness,
in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch,
we celebrate your generosity.**

**Forgive us when forget the gift in our every breath,
the care that sustains our every moment,
that grace that can transform our every day.**

**Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts,
mean desires,
resentful spirits,
give us the courage to act with justice and generosity,
and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep scores.**

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

To all and to each
Where regret is real,
God pronounces pardon
And gives us the right to begin anew.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.

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

Listen for the Word of God!

Speak, God, to our speaking.

Speak, God, to our listening.

Speak, God, to our souls' deep understanding.

Psalter Reading Psalm 79:1-9

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call on your name.
For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

Music *Christians, We Meet to Worship*

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus and Loan Forgiveness

Rev. Burns

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

Minute for Mission *Peacemaking Offering*

Karen Meyers

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 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

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 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude*

Denis Bénard
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
, Liturgist
Phyllis Compton, *Deacon 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
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.faithpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.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.

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?*

October 2 – We will begin an exploration of *Conflict Transformation with Dialogue for Peaceful Change*, led by **Kate Foster** and **Karen Burd**.