

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 25, 2022



Flooding in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria
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 *Cantilena*

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

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

***Call to Worship**

John Colmers

You are the salt of the earth.

Salt enriches, preserves, and works hard to improve what it's added to. Our saltiness gives glory to God!

You are the light of the world.

Let us shine our light, reflecting God's glory to the world!

You share the living bread.

Here we find food for the hungry and rest for the weary: all are welcome!

Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess though we live in a world of abundance, there are days when we can only see what we lack. Instead of trusting in your promise of a world made new, we resign ourselves to the way things are, hoping for little and expecting even less. Forgive our callous ways, and soften our hardened hearts – that we might respond to the needs of others with compassion, generosity, and grace; that we might look to the future with trust and joy. We open ourselves 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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
God will cover you with feathers,

Providing refuge under holy wings
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

For God says those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Music *How Great Thou Art*

arr. Janet Vogt
(b. 1953)

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

Sermon

Ordinary Hope

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Minute for Mission *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

Pat Nesbitt

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 *Look at the World*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

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 765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *March in D Major*

Alexander Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
John Colmers, *Liturgist*
Deb Colmers, *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.

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*

September 25 – Author **Rev. Jennifer Butler** will join us to continue the discussion of *Who Stole My Bible?*

October 2-16 – We will begin an exploration of *Conflict Transformation with Dialogue for Peaceful Change*, led by **Kate Foster** and **Karen Burd**.