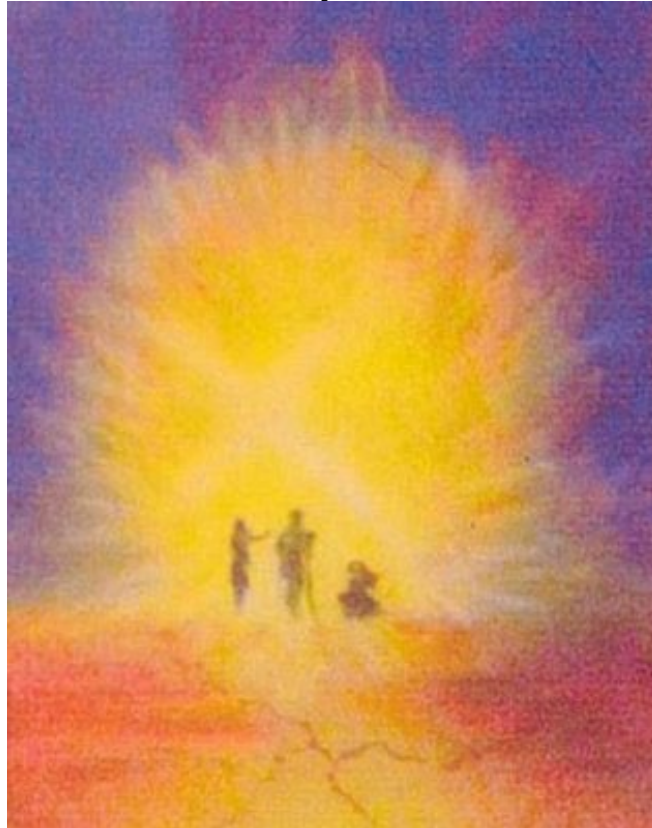


**Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023**



The Transfiguration, pastels
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Pat Turlington (1939-2009) American

**Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship**

Gathering of God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns**

Prelude *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

***Call to Worshipⁱ**

Susan Johnston

It is good to be here in this sacred space,
where we might find hope in the shelter of God's love.
It is good to be here with new friends and old,
where together we find strength to carry out into the world.
It is good to be here, to listen for God's voice,
calling us to notice the Spirit at work among us.

ⁱPlease rise in body or in spirit

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confessionⁱⁱ

Loving God, we know your love embraces everyone, every creature, every creation.

It knows us intimately. It holds us collectively.

It will not tolerate violence in its name.

It does no harm.

It empowers, and liberates.

When we have acted in ways that are not loving, and been motivated by other interests, forgive us.

Help us love generously and fearlessly, love through solidarity, and love by holding accountable and inviting accountability. May we love ourselves, share love with others, and receive love in return.

We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 576 *Lord, Have Mercy*

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Assurance of Grace

*Act of Praise 590 *Hallelujah*

HALLELUJAH

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

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Proclamation of the Word

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Music *Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise*

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

Holy wisdom, holy Word...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 190** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

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 *Everytime I feel the Spirit*

setting Earlene Rentz
(b. 1956)

Prayers of the People

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 274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Allegro Giocoso*

Camille Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Susan Johnston, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir
Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

ⁱ adapted from "Liturgy w/ communion for February 19, 2023 (Transfiguration-A)," 2/13/23, Lectionary Liturgies blog by Thom Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

ⁱⁱ Inspired by "Valentine's Day" by Rev. M. Jade Kaiser, enflashed, <https://enflashed.com/liturgy/valentines-day/>

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.

****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, please email faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

This week we pray for:

Our partners in Cuba

Ann Scheck

Faith's homebound members

The people of Ukraine

Victims of gun violence

The people of Syria and Turkey

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.*

Observe Lent at Faith

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. There are several opportunities to reflect, connect, pray, and create to practice your faith this season:

On **Ash Wednesday**, come share and/or receive coffee and ashes to go with our neighbors from 8-9 am or 12-1 pm. Then at 6 that evening, gather around a fire in our courtyard to connect, sing, pray, break bread (roast marshmallows?) and reflect on the season ahead together - in case of rain, we will gather in the chapel.

A Lenten devotional, *Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent*, will be available to guide your own daily prayer at home. The devotional will also guide our conversation and learning in the Forum. A small group will meet on **Monday mornings from 8-9** at Belvedere Square to reflect on the devotional together.

Join a Lenten book study on Zoom with Govans and Knox Presbyterian Churches at 7 on Thursdays. The group will read and discuss *Burying White Privilege: Resurrecting A Badass Christianity*. The author, Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre will join them for the first session on March 2nd. Please email Andy Wilson, wilson@govanspres.org, to sign up.

In worship, we will **pray in color** each week, creating banners inspired by the work of Henri Matisse to adorn our sanctuary.