

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 5, 2023



A Grain of Salt #2
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Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns**

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine*

Calvin Taylor

***Call to Worship**

Our souls rise to greet you, O God,

As the sun rises each morning to greet the day.

We are here to seek a little light by which to see,

Light to share with others; to guide our way through the world.

We are here to savor the goodness of community,

That we might go forth as salt and light!

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to be salt for the earth: enriching, preserving, and uplifting others wherever we might be. You ask us to be light for the world, but so often we fear the shadows and shy away from the challenge. You made us to live in community and taught us to love and share. Forgive us for the many times we have failed to be who you made us to be. By Christ among us, teach us again your ways of grace, love and justice. 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

Chandra Jackson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, Here I am.

Music *Be Thou My Vision*

Lloyd Lawson

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the

least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

For words of challenge,
For words of blessing,
For the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst,
We offer our thanks and praise!

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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 *Praise the Lord with Music*

Jay Althouse

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 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.

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. Gluten free bread is in a smaller dish on each plate. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisle.

If you are joining us from home, please break your bread when the bread is broken in the sanctuary. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, 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

Thanks, and praise to you O God, for feeding us with mercy, and drenching us with grace. May the meal we have shared continue to strengthen our spirits and nourish our souls, that we might live as your beloved people, serving others as you have served us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Sending God's People into the World

***Hymn 741** *Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

***Charge & Benediction**

Annual Congregational Meeting

Postlude *Toccata in Seven*

John Rutter

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Liturgist
The Chancel Choir
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, 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

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.

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.*

January 29-February 19 What is patience? Is it waiting for the passing of time? Is it endurance in the midst of pain and suffering? Is it tolerance or forbearance with self or others? Is it constancy in the face of discouragement? Is it constructive engagement with events or circumstances? Whatever it is, why is it in such short supply? This Forum will pursue these questions and explore why patience is a concern for faith and social justice. **Arthur Sutherland, PhD**, associate professor of theology at Loyola University will lead the Forum.