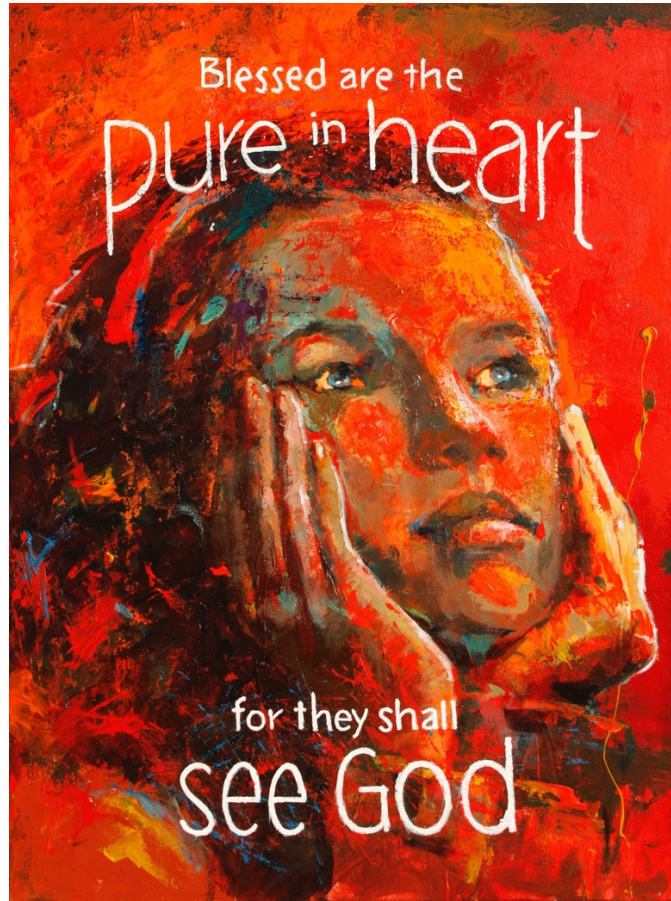


The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 29, 2023



part of *The Beatitudes*, oil on canvas
Hyatt Moore for the Muldoon Community Assembly, Anchorage

Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns**

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Adagio*

Charles Marie Widor

*Call to Worshipⁱ

Blessed are the downtrodden and despairing,
for God's reign is good news worth celebrating!
Blessed are all who grieve,
for they will be held in God's comfort and love.
Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness.
They will find it in God's reign forever.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and serve those in need.

We will live in God's reign forever.

***Hymn 410** *God is Calling Through the Whisper*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all people, you call us to seek justice, to love kindness, and to live with humility. You know as well as we do all the ways we fall short of fulfilling this charge! We are complacent and complicit within systems that divide, oppress, and exploit. Far too often, our kindness extends only to our own doorstep, and no further. Forgive us! By your grace, open our hearts to love expansively, that we might be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, serving others as he would do. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

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,

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Proclamation of the Word

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
Listen to God's indictment, you mountains, and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for YHWH has a dispute with the people and is putting Israel on trial.

'O my people, what have I done to you?

Have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent Moses to lead you, and
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

God has told you, O mortal, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Music *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Kevin Boesiger

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon

Good things come to those who wait?

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of 1967

**We acknowledge that God's sovereign love
is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds.
We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**

**But in Jesus Christ God reveals love
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful people.
The power of God's love in Christ
transforms the world
and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

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 *Rain Down*

Arr. John Carter

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 70** *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

MOON

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *Variations on "Kelvingrove"*

Denis Bedard

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Autumn Paige, 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:

The people of 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.

The Annual Meeting of our congregation will be **Sunday, February 5** at the conclusion of worship. Please make every effort to attend to celebrate our ministry of the past year and look ahead to 2023. We will receive the annual report, hear an update on our 2023 budget, vote to approve the pastor's terms of call, and vote on proposed changes to the bylaws.

¹ Adapted from Rev. Mindi, as posted on re:Worship, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>, originally sourced from **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>