

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 19, 2023



Red Room, oil on canvas
The State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia
Matisse, Henri (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PRELUDE *Prelude in G*

Charles V. Stanford
(1852-1924)

*CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

Adelaide Cooke

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from there to here,
from then to now,
Come, Holy One.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

To heal the sick,
to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to drive out the money lenders,
to liberate us all,

Come, Holy One.

To shoulder the cross,
to open our eyes,
to show us the way,
to take on the sin of the world,

Come, Holy One.

To this place,
to us, today:

Come, Christ, our savior.

*HYMN 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, if you held our sin against us, who could stand? We have more confidence in death than hope in your promise of new life. Your touch can open our eyes to the wonder of God's reign, yet we shy away, comfortable with our blindness. Too often we ignore the sick and neglect to respond with compassion to the need around us, refusing to see what is on our doorstep. Look on us with mercy, and in your great love, forgive. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*ACT OF PRAISE 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

MUSIC *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Gilbert Martin
(b. 1949)

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

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

SERMON

What the Eye Sees

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

Deb Colmers

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 *The Lord is My Shepherd*

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

PRAY IN COLOR

Jesus healed the man born blind, opening his eyes to the beauty of the world. Bring to mind a beautiful image or place that represents the beauty of creation for you – perhaps something you may have overlooked before and noticed only recently. Give thanks to God for the beauty around us, and for your ability to notice and appreciate it.

The Matisse color this week is yellow. Write a word to represent the beautiful place or thing for which you are grateful, or draw a representation of it on yellow paper.

Cut out your prayer into an organic shape and bring it forward as an offering.

A mark of the human condition is our ability to feel joy and grief, faith and doubt at the same time, appreciating the beauty and awareness of the pain of existence simultaneously. As such, our concern about the plague of gun violence in Baltimore continues.

There are sympathy cards on the table next to the pulpit, if you would like to write a note to a family that has lost someone to gun violence. We will mail them this week.

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 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in d minor*

Charles V. Stanford

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

REV. CAT DODSON GOODRICH, *Pastor*
DR. SAMUEL SPRINGER, *Minister of Music & Organist*
ADELAIDE COOKE, *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.

WE PRAY FOR:

*Our partners in Cuba
Faith's homebound members and
those receiving long-term care*

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



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.

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

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*. Please email Andy Wilson, wilson@govanspres.org, to sign up.

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