

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023
10:45 a.m.



The National Memorial for Peace and Justice
Montgomery, Alabama

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Cantilena*

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

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

***Call to Worship**

John Geist

The risen Christ met us at the tomb, and turned our tears to joy.

Christ enters through locked doors, offering words of peace and friendship.

Christ comes to us in daily life and work, meeting us where we are.

Christ comes into our very hearts, turning despair to hope.

Let us worship the God of life together.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, forgive us if we come away from Easter unchanged, and the good news of resurrection finds no home in our hearts of stone. Pour out your grace upon us when we shut ourselves away, choosing to remain captive to the worries and doubts of a death-dealing world. Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. May your mercy warm our hearts, empowering us to love one another with joy. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

Be not a-fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Laura Ingersol

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Music *Easter Joy!*

Colin Curtis

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Proof: Touch the Wounds

Rev. Ingersol

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 340** *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

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 Anthem *Alleluia!*

William Boyce
(1710-1779)

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 339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***Benediction**

Postlude *Variations of Lasst uns erfreuen*

Denis Bedard
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Rev. Laura Ingersol, Guest Preacher

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist

John Geist, Liturgist

The Chancel Choir

Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

Today we welcome to the pulpit **Rev. Laura Ingersol**. Laura is a retired ordained minister, having served Evangelical Lutheran Church congregations in Forestville MD, Boston MA, Baltimore (All Saints - Loch Raven Blvd, and Journey of Faith – Windsor Mill), and Newtown PA.

In 2019 she was given an opportunity to participate in the Living Legacy Pilgrimage Project, an experience of Civil Rights history, and was tremendously affected by the trip. “There was so much I didn’t know, so much I felt, and so much I hope to lead others to learn so that we understand in a visceral way, the need for justice in our world.”

Please join Laura following worship for a light lunch and a conversation about her experiences with the LLP in the Woodmont room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you find 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.

Restroom – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.

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! Meeting ID: 818 8551 6595; Passcode: 716331

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

Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** by completing the visitor card or go to the website: faithpcbalt.org and navigate to “Contact Us.”

Eco Fest! On Earth Day, April 22, noon-3pm, (rain date, April 23, 2-4pm) come and celebrate Faith Church’s new green space! We’ll have food trucks, live music, and a raffle; free trees, seeds, and books; art and nature activities for all and exhibitors with environmental resources.

Faith will host a screening of the **Belly of the Beast Cuba, a docuseries on Cuba, Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm** in the sanctuary. The series host, Liz Oliva Fernández, and members of the production team will join us for a discussion.

In April our **Book Club** will be reading *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. “An intellectually invigorating nonfiction version of a Dan Brown - like mystery-in-the-archives thriller” - Boston Globe. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 2 at 7pm** at the Nesbitts’ home. Contact the office at faithchurchbalt@gmail.com for more information.

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