

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023
10:45 a.m.



The Road to Emmaus, acrylic on canvas
Daniel Bonnell (b. 1955) Hilton Head, SC

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

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

***Call to Worship**

Karen Burd

The tomb was empty, he was not there...

Still, disciples do not know what to believe. Could it possibly be true?

Grief and fear stayed with them as they made the journey home.

The road may be long, but we do not walk alone.

In the breaking of bread, the risen Christ was recognized.

May we who share the living bread have eyes to see him here.

With open eyes, open hearts, and open minds, let us worship God.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess the opportunities we missed to share an encouraging word or lend a helping hand; the many times we failed to show your face and your heart to another. Forgive us, and by your grace, turn your love into action within us, that our city might be renewed, the world changed for the better, and all in need of your grace might be uplifted by it. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-14, 16-19

I love the Lord
who has heard my cry for mercy,
who has listened to me
whenever I called.
The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I was overcome by grief and sorrow.
Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“Lord, save me.”

How shall I repay you, O Lord,
for all the good things you have done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.
O Lord, I am your faithful one,
I am faithful to you alone and the child of your fidelity;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people of God.
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

Music *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Gospel Reading Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other

while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You’ll Never Walk Alone

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 252** *Day of Arising*

RAABE

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 *The River*

Uzee Brown
(b. 1950)

Monea Brown, soprano

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 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*Benediction

Postlude *We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*

David Cherwein
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Karen Burd, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir
Monea Brown, *soloist*
Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

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.faihtpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihtpcbalt.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.”



Faith will host a screening of the **Belly of the Beast Cuba: The War 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.

Youth from RPPC, Govans, & Faith are invited to a game night on May 7 at 6pm at Roland Park Presbyterian Church.

BUILD invites the North Baltimore Stakeholders to meet on May 16 at 6:30pm at Northside Baptist Church to build relationships & identify common concerns.

ECO FEST – thank you to all those who volunteered and all those who attended!