

EASTER SUNDAY
The Resurrection of Christ



Henri Matisse (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 9, 2023
10:45 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *So Says the Whippoorwill*

Mike Shirey

Richard Shindell
(b. 1960)

Today the Lord is Risen

John Helgen
(b. 1958)

Sinfonia

Henry Purcell
(1595-1633)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

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

***Call to Worship**

Anna Macdonald

It started in the dark, in the early morning hours...

A sliver of sunlight brightened the sky; a stone stood apart from the tomb.

It starts in the quiet, in the space of possibility.

A seed takes root, a leaf unfurls, a hand opens to another. New life is ours. Love has saved us.

It seems impossible.

Yet we believe.

It seems incredible.

Yes, we believe!

Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Let us worship the God of life together!

Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Krista Wallace

Prayer of Confession

Risen Lord, when we are weary, bring new life;

when we have turned hard-hearted, kindle new love;

where we feel hurt and where we have wounded, grant forgiveness;

and where we feel trapped, bound by injustice or shackled by our own sin and doubt,

breathe into us the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit.

May you, now freed from the tomb, roll back every stone that hampers us, we pray, that we may step with confidence into the new life you offer.

We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics for the first system are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." The lyrics for the second system are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!"

Assurance of Grace

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

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43

Bobby Hall

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Savior of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Christ Jesus, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Music *The Risen Lord*

Eugene Butler
(b. 1935)

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place

where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hope Beyond Hope

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

ODE TO JOY

Invitation to the Offering

Pat Nesbitt

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 *Christ is Risen*

Mark Hayes
(b. 1953)

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

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it 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.

Pray in Color

With eyes open to notice the resurrecting power of God let loose in the world, we give thanks for all the ways we have already experienced the life-giving work of the Spirit, and the Easter joy that is ours this day. We started adding polka dots to our table runners during the Egg Hunt, the pops of color representing the times and places we've been surprised by joy. When you come forward for communion, please add a dot (or two, or five!) of your own, giving thanks to God for the joy we know in the living Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Risen Christ, as we go forth from this feast, may the bread broken open like the tomb empower us to mend shattered hopes, and to heal the hurts of the world. May the cup which tasted of the fruits of your steadfast love, inspire us to leave behind our fear and doubt to stand with the lonely and forgotten, to build beloved community in your name. In your many names we pray, Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Benediction

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed!

Go into the world to practice resurrection,
offering to all the good news of God's love made real to us this day.

We go with joy, to love and serve the risen Christ!

Postlude Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor
(1911-1940)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*

READERS

Krista Wallace
Pat Nesbitt
Anna Macdonald
Bobby Hall

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sondra Watkins	Natalie Wallace
Theodore Wallace	Marilyn Valentine
Vivian Slacum	Patricia Nesbitt
Neil Nemser	Susan Johnston
Mary Hodgson	Robert Gardner
Adelaide Cooke	Phyllis Compton
Debra Colmers	Monea Brown
Patrick Baker	

MUSICIANS

Yvonne Davis, *bell ringer*
Mike Shirey, *guitar and vocals*
Christopher Vega, *trumpet*
Arthur Crowner, *trumpet*
Ufondu Obianuka, *trombone*
Malcolm Mobley, *tuba*

AV TEAM

Andy Fuller, *Camera/Audio Operator*
Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*

FAITH'S STAFF

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Diane Borgatti, *Parish Administrator*
Rev. Doris Cowan, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Kate Foster, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor Emerita*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.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: faihtpcbalt.org and navigate to "Contact Us."

On **Sunday, April 16, Rev. Laura Ingersol** will preach and lead worship. Plan to stay after for further conversation with Rev. Ingersol over a light lunch in the Woodmont Room about her participation in a Living Legacy Pilgrimage (LLP), an experience of the history of the Civil Rights

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 faihtchurchbalt@gmail.com for more information.