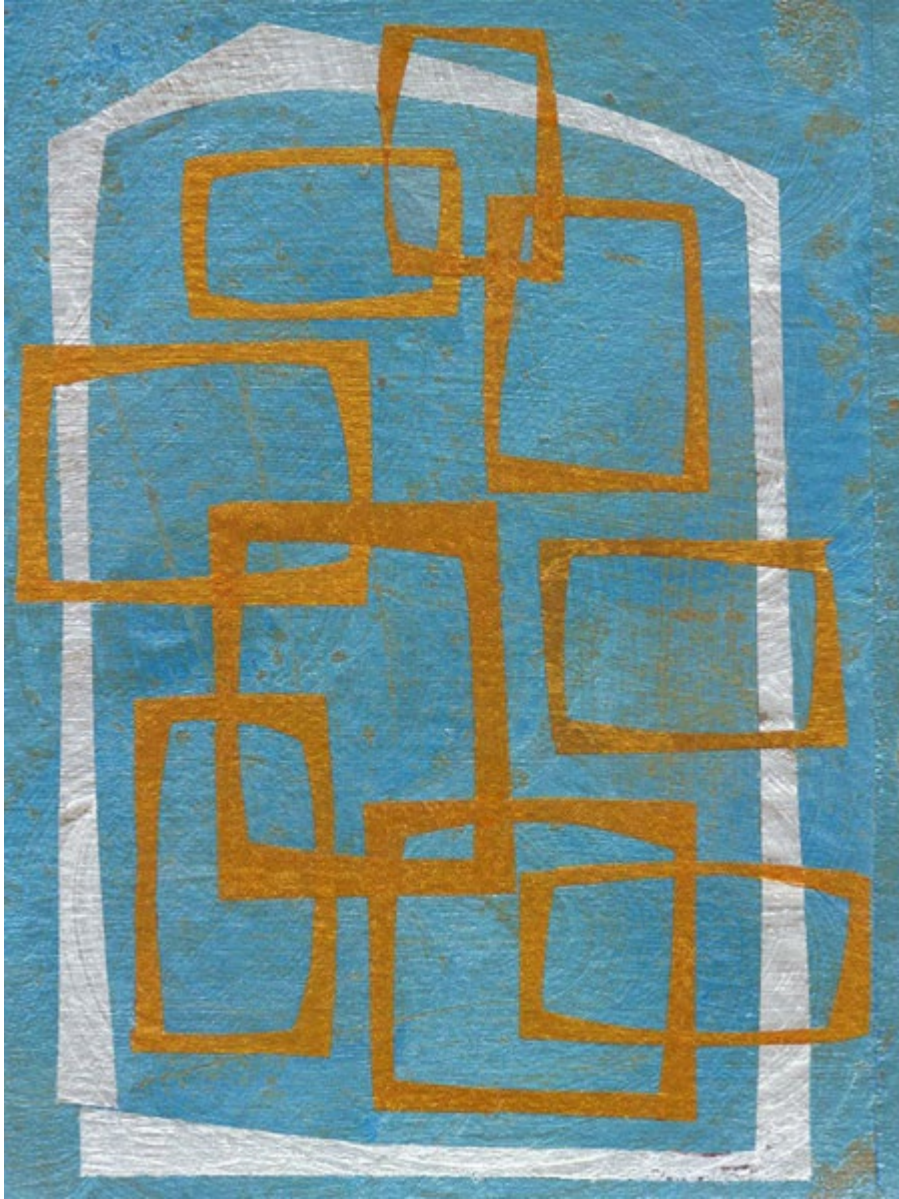


Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2023  
10:45 a.m.



*Many Rooms*, collage  
Jan Richardson (b. 1967) Florida

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *Piere*

Leon Boelmann  
(1862-1897)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Audrey Trapp**

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

### \*Call to Worship

The risen Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us,  
**A place in the home of God, the creator of all.**  
Through scripture read and water splashed,  
**with words of forgiveness and promises of hope,**  
and bread broken and shared at God's table,  
**our hearts are molded like living stones, built into a dwelling place for God.**

### \*Hymn 463 *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of love, you call us to become living temples, embodying God's purposes wherever we go. Instead of living stones, at times we feel more like dead weight, burdened by worries and fears that distract us from the compassion and joy you intend for us. **Forgive us! By the power of your Spirit, breathe into our hearts that they might beat with love and life again. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...**

### Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!". The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

#### Assurance of Grace

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for a song. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff of each system. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Moment with Faith Kids**

**Karen Meyers**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Epistle Reading** 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

    a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

    has become the very head of the corner',

and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

    and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**Music** *Impromptu on Holy Manna*

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.  
(1945–2014)

**Gospel Reading** John 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

**Sermon**

*I Did It My Way!*

**Rev. Pat Shannon Jones**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***Hymn 353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

**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** *God and God Alone*

Phil McHugh  
(b. 1951)  
arr. Tom Fettke

## 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 765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

\***Benediction**

**Postlude** *Voluntary on "Westminster Abbey"*

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

## Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Pat Jones, Guest Preacher**

**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist**

**Audrey Trapp, Liturgist**

*The Chancel Choir*

**Kristin Herber, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint**

**Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera**

Today we welcome Rev. Jones to the pulpit. Pat Shannon Jones is the Director of the Immigration Outreach Service Center (across the street!) since 2013. In this role, Pat has served as an advocate for refugees, political asylum seekers, and immigrants (documented and undocumented). She assumed the role of Director in 2013. She has led the IOSC in the development of new programs and recently in the re-location to a much larger space.

She was ordained a Roman Catholic Womanpriest in 2015 and ministers at the Living Water community based in Catonsville and as well as to a small group of locals who participate in home

liturgies and daily meditation programs.

She has a Master's in Adulthood and Aging Studies. A certificate in Faith Community Nursing and has completed theological studies at the Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore.

**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](http://www.faithpcbalt.org), and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto: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](http://faithpcbalt.org) and navigate to "Contact Us."

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](mailto: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.