

**Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 11, 2023**



Pillar of Cloud, Pillar of Fire, cut up comic books  
Isaac Brynjegard-Bialik (b. 1972) California

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**Joys and Concerns**

Prelude *Largo*

Antonio Vivaldi  
(1678-1741)

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

**\*Call to Worship**

**Bobby Hall**

With a plume of smoke, and a pillar of flame, God guided the people to freedom.

**We gather in search of guidance today.**

Through the voices of the prophets, God called the people back to the way.

**We gather to listen, in hope of finding our way.**

Through the work and witness of Christ, God came offering new life.

**All praise to the one who guides us, the God of life!**

**\*Hymn 49** *The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, when we find ourselves in wilderness places, you show up, leading us to the right path. Still, we wrestle with doubt, searching for other trails, careless about what and who we may harm, the mess we leave in our wake. Forgive our wandering hearts and self-centered ways, and remind us of the life and land you promise will be ours. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

**Kyrie 423** *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

SARADAY

1 Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -  
ate in me a clean heart, O God; cre -  
ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.

**Assurance of Grace**

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Psalter Reading** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, we will not hide from their children. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God, who has done wonderful works.

God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan, splitting open the sea and letting them pass through, making the waters stand up like walls; leading them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with the glow of fire; splitting hard rocks in the wilderness, and giving them drink as from the great deep; bringing streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushing out like rivers.

**Music** *See How Great a Flame Aspires*

arr. David Paxton  
(1934-2015)

### **Hebrew Bible Reading** Exodus 13:17-22

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, 'If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.' So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness towards the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, 'God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.' They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***Hymn 11** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

ABERYSTWYTH

**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**

Vincent Stringer, *baritone*

**Prayer of the People and 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 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\***Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *God of Grace*

Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

**Leading Worship Today**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor***  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist***  
**Bobby Hall, *Liturgist***  
**Vincent Stringer, *Soloist***  
**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 email: [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

**This week we pray for:**

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

Victims of gun violence  
The people of Ukraine

**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.

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.”

**Say YES!** Faith is supporting four young men from Nexus Woodbourne to do landscaping and neighborhood cleanup. If you would like to take part, volunteer for an upcoming Saturday from 10am-1pm, June 17, 24, or Thursday, June 29.

**Faith has PRIDE!** Please plan to **march in the parade** with us at **noon Saturday, June 24**. There will be an **interfaith service** for PRIDE at Brown Memorial Park Avenue on **Thursday, June 29 at 6pm**.

**The Forum:** Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom*. **The Forum is taking a break for the summer.** It will return in September. In the meantime, if you have ideas about a series or class you'd like to see, please email Cat, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org)!

**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

**We have a new logo!** Pick up a magnet for your car or refrigerator, a t-shirt (suggested donation \$10), or a sticker in the narthex.



**May 28** *Tongues of Fire*

**Acts 2:1-21**

The fire of Pentecost inspires us to connect and reach out in new ways, to catch up with what God is doing in the world.

**June 4** *The Burning Bush*

**Exodus 3:1-15**

This scripture points us to the truth that God is not a logic puzzle to be explained but an impossible mystery to be experienced, a source of life, power, and wonder.

**June 11** *The Pillars of Cloud and Fire*

**Exodus 13:17-22**

God accompanied and guided the Israelites to freedom through pillars of cloud and fire. How does God guide us today?

**June 18** *Eternal Flame*

**Leviticus 6:8-13**

The care paid to the fire of the temple, that it never goes out, is instructive. How are we keeping the fire alive in our congregation and worship?

**June 25** *The Fiery Furnace*

**Daniel 3:14-30**

Do we have the courage of Daniel and his companions to stand up to evil in the world?

**July 2** *Campfire on the Beach*

**John 21:1-17**

The disciples have returned to their old lives when Jesus makes himself known to them in a miracle of abundance. This campfire story stands as a beautiful companion piece to communion—not the Last Supper, but the First Breakfast.