

**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Father's Day  
Sunday, June 18, 2023**



Eternal Flame, JFK Memorial  
Joe Connors, photographer

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**Joys and Concerns**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

**Mozella Williams**

Come, Spirit, to stoke the smoldering embers of our hearts,  
**stir our souls to burning.**  
Brush away the weariness of the week  
**as we focus fully on being here, being open, and listening in this holy space.**  
Warm us by your steady presence  
**Glimmers and glimpses of glory in story, silence, and song.**  
Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 37** *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess to faith that wavers in its dedication. We try to be your followers, but we are distracted and dismayed. At times, we do not complete what we commit to do, failing to follow through on the most basic tasks: loving ourselves; loving our neighbors, loving creation. Restore in us the steady flame of faith, and give us bright burning spirits that do not falter come wind or rain, hardship or doubt. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in a major key. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a quarter note, then a series of eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with eighth notes and a quarter note. The third staff features a long note with a slur over it, followed by a quarter note. The fourth staff concludes the phrase with a quarter note and a final double bar line.

**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**

### **Moment with Faith Kids**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Psalter Reading** Psalm 132:1-10, 13-17

O Lord, remember in David's favor  
all the hardships he endured;  
how he swore to the Lord  
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,  
'I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed;  
I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
'Let us go to his dwelling-place;  
let us worship at the footstool of the Lord.'  
Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your might.  
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your faithful shout for joy.  
For your servant David's sake  
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

For you, O Lord, have chosen Zion,  
and have desired it for your habitation:  
'This is my resting-place forever;  
here I will reside, for I have desired it.  
I will abundantly bless its provisions;

I will satisfy its poor with bread.  
Its priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and its faithful will shout for joy.  
There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

## Music

### Hebrew Bible Reading Leviticus 6:8-13

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Command Aaron and his sons, saying: This is the ritual of the burnt-offering. The burnt-offering itself shall remain on the hearth upon the altar all night until the morning, while the fire on the altar shall be kept burning. The priest shall put on his linen vestments after putting on his linen undergarments next to his body; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire has reduced the burnt-offering on the altar, and place them beside the altar. Then he shall take off his vestments and put on other garments, and carry the ashes out to a clean place outside the camp. The fire on the altar shall be kept burning; it shall not go out. Every morning the priest shall add wood to it, lay out the burnt-offering on it, and turn into smoke the fat pieces of the offerings of well-being. A perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the altar; it shall not go out.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Tending the Fire*

Rev. Goodrich

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

**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 *To God Be the Glory*

setting John Carter  
(b. 1930)

### 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 749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

WE ARE CALLED

\***Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Praise Ye the Father*

Charles F. Gounod  
(1818-1893)  
arr. Dorothy Wells

### Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**  
**Vivian Slacum, Guest Organist**  
**Mozella Williams, Liturgist**  
**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.”

**BUILD** Community Meeting for North Baltimore Neighbors are invited to meet **Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30** at Northside Baptist Church

**Come and represent Faith!**

**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 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.