

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 4, 2023



an arrangement of leaves from an *Euonymus alatus*, or "Burning Bush"
Joe Schumacher, photographer

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Morning Has Broken*

arr. Fred Boch
(1939-1998)

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

***Call to Worship**

Zach Nemser

We come to worship God, who is called "I am,"

The creator of all, made known in flames that burn but do not destroy...

The paradox who remains a mystery, revealed to us in Christ...

The Spirit who sustains us and guides us,

The trinity who is both three and one... spark, flame, and fire.

We worship God: the creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, we confess that we have tried to ignore and deny you, shrinking your power to fit in our pockets, explaining your wildness away. Forgive our attempts to domesticate you, holy one, and teach us to look for you in surprising times and unexpected places. Help us to nurture our wonder, curiosity, and awe. 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

*Gloria 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Presentation

Angelo Mark McGill Giannaccini, child of Kelley McGill and Angelo Patrick Giannaccini

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

*Hymn 482 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.

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

Sermon

Encountering God

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 298** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

verses 1, 2, 5

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

Mike Shirey, *guitar and vocals*

Ordination and Installation of New Church Officers
serving a second term; to be ordained

Deacons Class of 2026

Patrick Baker

William Curtis

Laurie Newton

Natalie Wallace

Elders Class of 2026

John Colmers

Scott McGill

Robin Nemser

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation, with laying on of hands
...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.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 69** *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM (Schutte)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude on "Nicaea"*

Phil Lehenbauer
(b. 1960)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Zach Nemser, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir
Mike Shirey, *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.

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, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, 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 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 10, 17, 24, or Thursday, June 29.

A memorial service for Ann Scheck will be on Saturday, June 10 at 11am in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Jackson Lounge.

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!

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.