

Pentecost
Sunday, May 28, 2023



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "O Weg Selig"*

Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

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

***Call to Worship**

Mike Billings

Like a rushing wind, blowing through this space...

Come, Holy Spirit.

To spark hope and set our hearts afire...

Come, Holy Spirit.

To inspire, to move, to create, to push us farther than we dared to dream...

Come, Holy Spirit!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you anoint us with tongues of flame and call us into the street to share good news, build bridges, and serve. We admit that at times, we are playing catch-up with your Spirit. You move ahead while we hold back, weighing costs and consequences. You pour out your power, and still we doubt there will be enough. Look on us with mercy, that the blessing of your presence might rest upon us once more, and show us how to soar.

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

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

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*

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 Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hebrew Bible Reading Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Music *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Don McAfee
(b. 1935)

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about

God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Tongues of Fire

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 280** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

Minute for Mission *Pentecost Offering*

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 *Like the Murmur of the Dove*

Alan Smith
(b. 1962)

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.

Prayer after Communion

God, giver of life, we pray for the Church throughout the world: may the meal that we have shared empower our witness, renew our worship, and restore our unity. May the wind of your Spirit guide us, transform us, and strengthen us for your work of love and justice in our world. In your many names we pray, Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Adolphus Hailstork
(b. 1941)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Mike Billings, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir
Patrick Baker, *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."

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.*

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.