

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I've Been Meaning to Ask...
Sunday, August 13, 2023



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Nun dankel alle Gott*

**Georg Friedrich Kaufman
(1679-1735)**

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

***Call to Worship**

Karen Burd

We come to worship from different places,
each of us seeking the One who calls us to follow.
We come to worship for many reasons,
each of us seeking the One who calls us.

Jesus' words impact us in a variety of ways.

He is the one who says:

“Deny yourselves.”

“Take up your cross.”

“Follow me.”

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you call us – and yet we are reluctant to answer. You lay out a path of selfless love and service, but we cling to our fears and biases, thinking mostly of ourselves: our wants, our comfort and safety. We struggle to follow you, and fail to ask for help when the path becomes difficult. Our worries weigh us down, but we don't risk sharing them with anyone. Have mercy on us! Guide us in the way of discipleship, that we might embody your dream of beloved community here and now. 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

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Music

Mike Shirey, *vocals and guitar*

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask: What Keeps You Up at Night?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

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

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

Eternal God, holy and faithful, you have fed us with the bread of heaven, and sated our thirst with the cup of salvation. What can we offer in return for this life, so freely given? May each of us be moved to take up the work of discipleship with grateful hearts and

humble spirits, offering all that we have and all that we are for the sake of the gospel. In our labor, may we find joy, and community, and peace. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 79** *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

TEMPLE OF PEACE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Fugue in D minor*

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Vivian Slacum, Guest Organist

Karen Burd, Liturgist

Mike Shirey, Vocals and Guitar

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 gathering: If you are new to Faith, **plan to stay after worship today** for lunch and a time of learning about our congregation. Pastor Cat will give an overview of our church's structure, mission, and ministry, and we'll explore what it means to be Presbyterian here at Faith.

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.

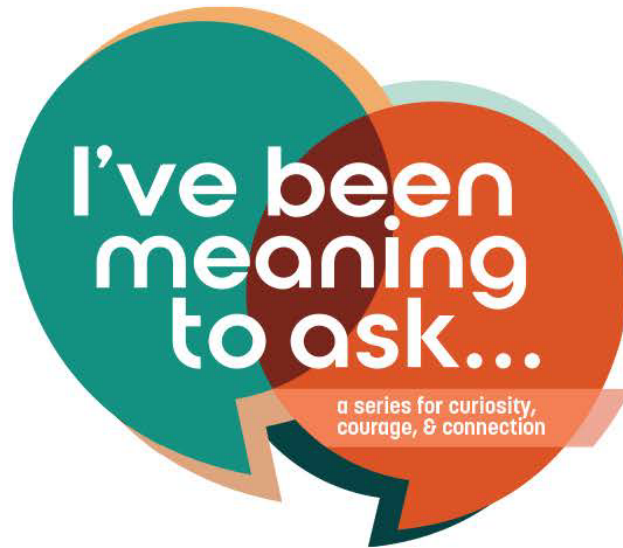
Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** by completing the visitor card or go to the website: faithpcbalt.org and navigate to "Contact Us."

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.* **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 Bible Study is on break until August 23.

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.

Summer Sermon Series



All courageous conversations begin with simple questions and the curiosity to truly listen. Over the next six weeks, we will ask questions and listen, deepening our connections to one another and to God as we seek to strengthen our beloved community of Faith.

July 23 - Genesis 2:4b-15
Where Are You From?

July 30 - Mark 5:21-43
Where Does It Hurt?

August 13 - Mark 8:27-38
What Keeps You Up at Night?

August 20 - Job 2:11-13
What Do You Need?

August 27 - Acts 10:30-48
Where Do We Go from Here?

September 3 - *Conversation Church*