

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
I've Been Meaning to Ask...  
Sunday, August 20, 2023



Break Open, digital painting with mixed media collage  
Lisle Gwynn Garrity

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prelude** *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

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

**\*Call to Worship**

**Natalie Wallace**

Family of faith, welcome! Welcome to Faith: a place for connection and growth;  
**a place where community is built and hope is nurtured.**

A place where we ask questions and listen:

*(pulpit side)* **“Where are you from?”**

*(lectern side)* **“Where does it hurt?”**

*(pulpit side)* **“What keeps you up at night?”**

(lectern side) **“What do you need?”**

A place where we say: “I’ve been thinking of you,”  
and, **“I’ve been meaning to ask. . .”**

Our sanctuary is a sacred place, a brave space;  
**where all are welcome and find belonging.**  
All pain and joy, needs and prayers are welcome here.  
**Let us worship God together!**

\*Hymn 792 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us into relationship with you and one another – it seems like it should be easy, but so often we get it wrong. We try to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution, but we jump to conclusions, miss the point, and forget to see the person right in front of us. Forgive us for thinking we have the answers and forgetting to ask for help. Forgive the pain we have caused, and the hubris that drives us apart. Look on us with love, and offer us the grace to stand by others in times of need, to witness their pain without trying to fix it.

**You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.**

**Teach us how to ask, “What do you need?”**

**Teach us how to listen.**

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

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

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## 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!

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Music** *Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"*

Anthony Giamanco  
(b. 1958)

### Hebrew Bible Reading Job 2:11-13

Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*Hymn 775 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

WALK WITH ME

**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**

**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 840 *When Peace like a River*

VILLE DU HAVRE

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Celebration*

Charles Callahan

**Leading Worship Today**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist**  
**Natalie Wallace, 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.

**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

**Worship & Arts will meet today** following worship in Woodbourne Room.

Mark your calendars for the  **blessing of the backpacks on Sunday, August 27!** Students, teachers, administrators, and lifelong learners are invited to bring a backpack, bag, satchel, briefcase, portfolio, or whatever you plan to carry in the coming year to receive a blessing in worship as you begin a new school year.

**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.

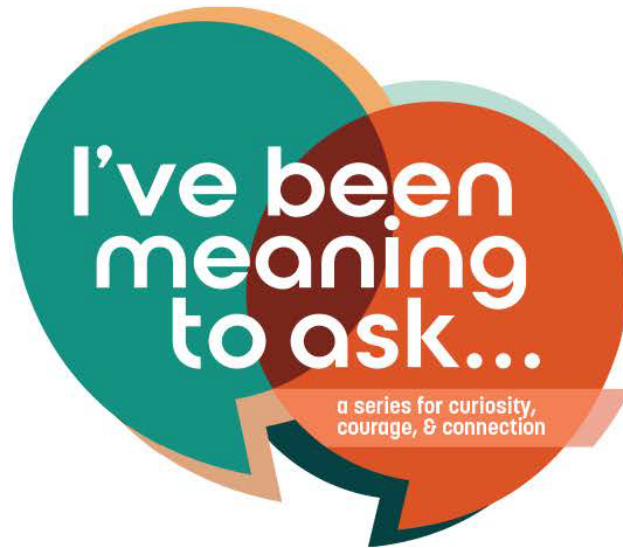
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**The Forum:** Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.* **The Forum is taking a break for the summer.** It will return in September. In the meantime, if you have ideas about a series or class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

**Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom 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*