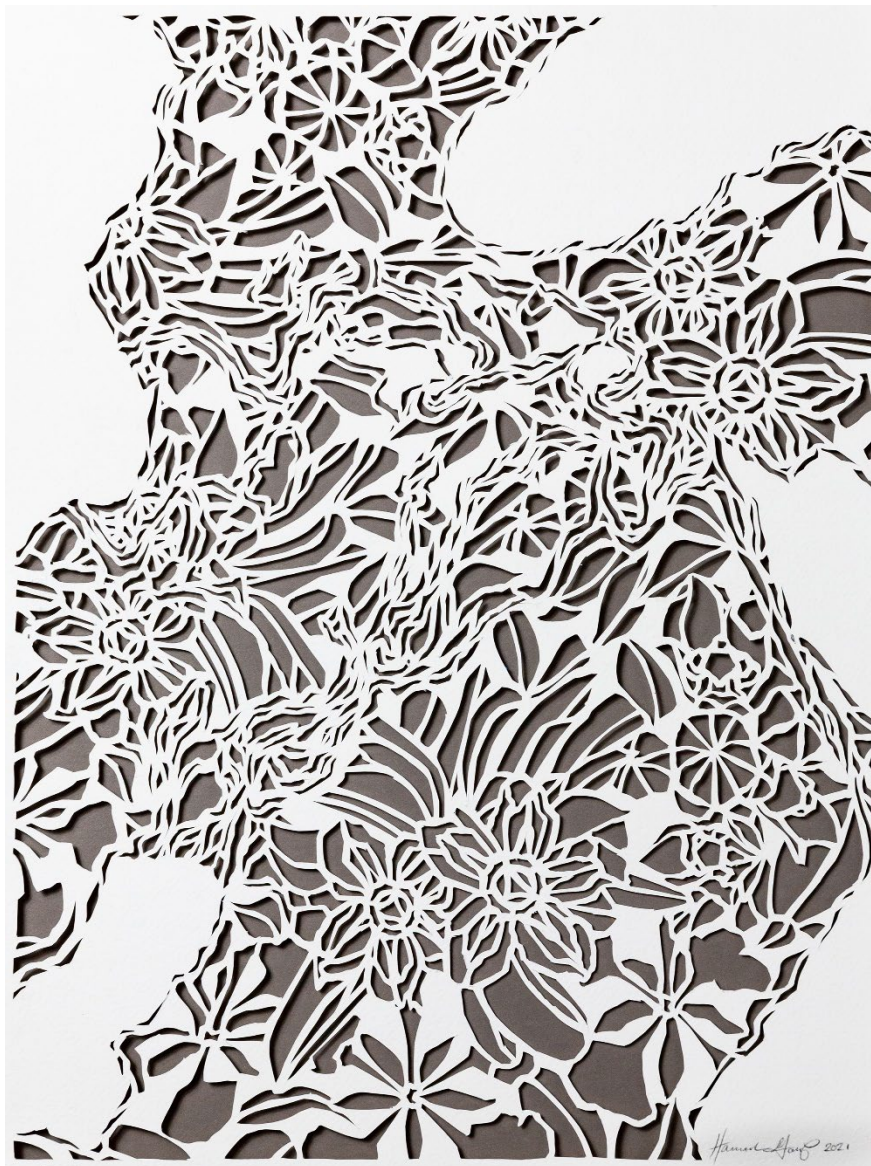


Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I've Been Meaning to Ask ...
Sunday, July 23, 2023



Four Rivers of Eden, paper lace
Rev. 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 *My Lord, What a Morning*

arr. Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

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

*Call to Worship

Marilyn Valentine

In the beginning, the Spirit moved over the face of the deep

And called the world into being.

In the beginning was the word...

And the word was with God and the Word was God.

Speaking with truth and courage, we tell the story of who we are,

Listening with compassion, we remember to whom we all belong.

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn 664 *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of many words, we lament the times we've failed to hear your voice. We are isolated, thinking ourselves alone despite your calling us again and again into community. We don't make time to stop and listen, assuming we already know what others have to say. Forgive us! Give us courage to take the first step – to slow down, to open up, to speak our minds and hear the testimony of others – strengthening our connection to one another and to you. 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 Genesis 2:4b-9

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Music *Morning Has Broken*

arr. Penny Rodriguez
(b. 1958)

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon

I've been meaning to ask: Where are you from?
Born through the Word

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 22** *God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

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 *:All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Larry Shackley
(b. 1956)

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 23** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

PLEADING SAVIOR

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Postlude*

Denis Bedard
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Marilyn Valentine, *Liturgist*
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.* **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*