

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I've Been Meaning to Ask ...
Sunday, July 30, 2023



Seen, digital painting with mixed media collage
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 *Pastorale on "St. Anthony's Chorale"*

Tom Birchwood

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

***Call to Worship**

Milton Aldana

We are from north and south, east and west.

**We are from rowhomes and retirement communities,
small apartments and expansive homes.**

We are from the city and the county, from near and far away.

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.
 We come with our full selves:
our pain and our prayers, our doubts and our dreams.
 We trust that God will meet us here,
just as we are.

***Hymn 796** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Truth Telling

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!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

Music *Rock of Ages*

Lenny Seidel
(b. 1939)

Gospel Reading Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet, and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So, he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her,

came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

I've been meaning to ask: Where does it hurt?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 470** *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

LONGING

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 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

James Denton
(b. 1963)

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 821** *My Life Flows On*

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Festal Finale*

Henry Coleman
(1888-1965)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Milton Aldana, *Liturgist*
Mozella Williams, *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 on Sunday, August 6 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. If you plan to attend, please let us know: catfaithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

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.

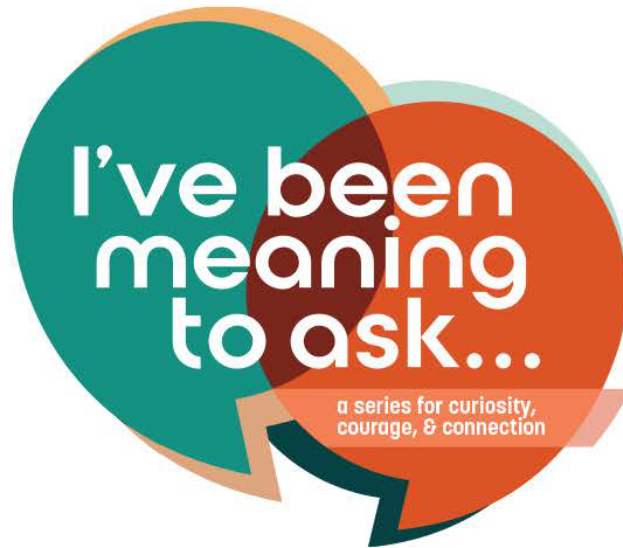
Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** by completing the visitor card or go to the website: faithpcbalt.org and navigate to “Contact Us.”

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*