

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 9, 2023



Abraham's Servant Meeteth Rebecca, Gouache on board
The Jewish Museum, NYC, NY
James Jacques Joseph Tissot (1836-1902) French

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Prelude on "Love Divine"*

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

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

***Call to Worship**

Karen Meyers

When we are thirsty and find ourselves in a strange place,
There are springs in the desert.
When we think we are alone and when we don't know what to do,
God meets us in strangers and leads us home.

***Hymn 49** *The God of Abraham Praise*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ever faithful God, we admit that there are many times in our lives when we feel like we are aimlessly wandering around. We are not sure what you intend for us and we feel alone. We have an idea of what the answer is, but we are not open to the ways you may be leading us, especially when we do not recognize the people in front of us, those who may be offering us refreshment. Forgive us when we fail to trust in your provision and when we do not see the signs of your promise standing right before us. Amen.

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 24:34-38, 58-67

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 739** *O for a Closer Walk with God*

CAITHNESS

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 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

arr. David Paxton
(1934-2015)

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 816** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *A Gigue for the Tuba Stop*

Donald Stuart Wright
(1940-2015)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor Emerita*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Karen Meyers, *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.faihtpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihtpcbalt.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: faihtpcbalt.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@faihtpcbalt.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.