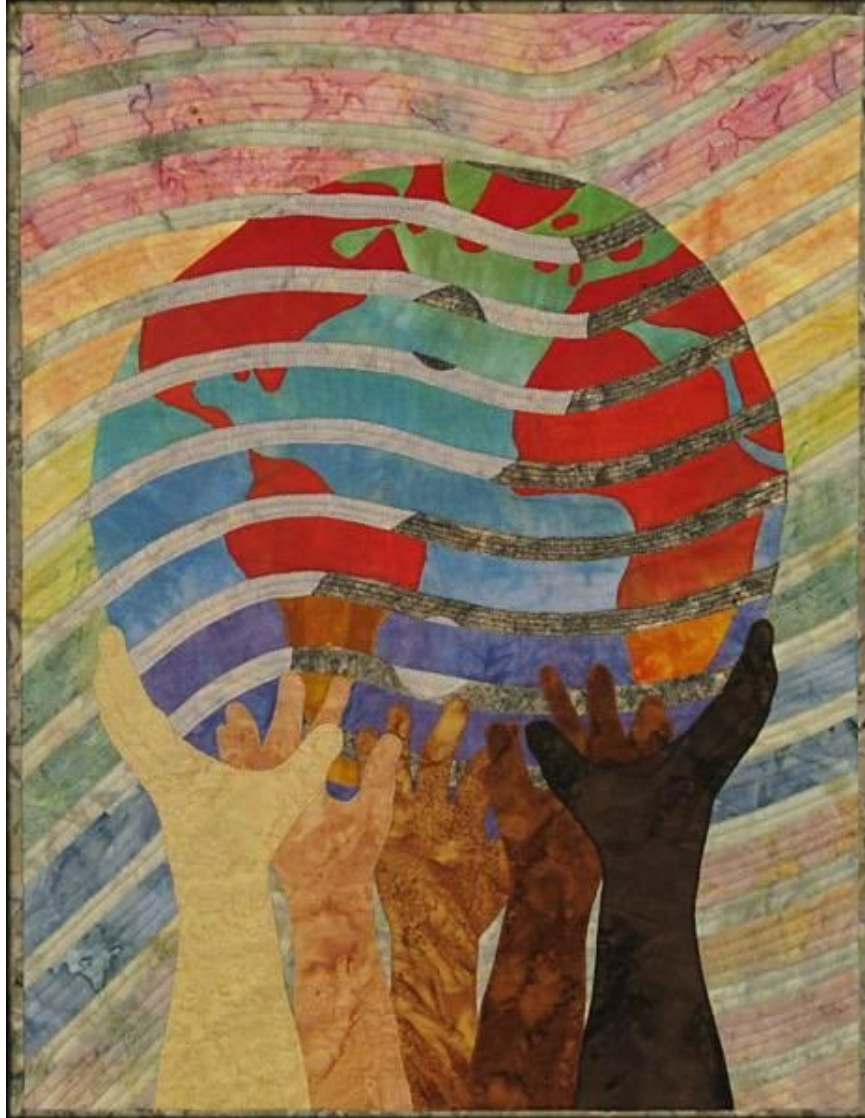


Sunday, October 1, 2023
World Communion Sunday



**Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Ore Ofe Jesu*
The Grace of God

Godwin Sadoh
Nigerian
(b. 1965)

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

Call to Worship

Anna Macdonald

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. All who come to me will not hunger..."

and those who drink from his cup will not thirst.

So go out to the streets!

Bring in the hungry, the lonely, the sick, the poor.

There is a place here for everyone; for you, for me, for all people:

the table is set, the feast is ready; let us worship God!

***Hymn 388** *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE
Zimbabwe

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, when we are in the wilderness places of our lives, you reach out to us and offer living water. But even though we know the ways that lead to life, and wholeness, and joy – we persist in paths that are dry and parched, refusing the cup that you offer. When we feel trapped by the choices we have made, or overwhelmed by regret, you reach out to us and offer living water. But still we persist in our wandering ways. Help us accept the cup that you offer, that we might be renewed. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing;
help us to follow you.

Refrain:

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Assurance of Grace

***Gloria 637** *O Sing to the Lord*

CANTAI AO SENHOR

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Kristen Herber

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sîn, the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, ‘Give us water to drink.’ Moses said to them, ‘Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?’ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?’ So Moses cried out to the Lord, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

Music *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

arr. Paul Taylor
(b. 1960)

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors, and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

Sermon

A Question of Power...and the Power of Questions

Rev. Goodrich

***Hymn 721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
Spain

Minute for Mission *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

Karen Meyers

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 *If You Had Faith*
Si Tuvieras Fe

arr. Rory Cooney
Latin American Folksong

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

In the sanctuary, you may either receive the juice by intinction (dip the bread in the cup,) or with the sealed cup to take back to your pew. Either way, come forward by the center aisle and returned by the outside aisle.

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.

Music "*Lonely House*" from *On The Town*

Leonard Bernstein
(1918-1990)

A town's a lonely town,
When you pass through
And there is no one waiting there for you,
Then it's a lonely town.
You wander up and down,
The crowds rush by,
A million faces pass before your eye,
Still it's a lonely town.

Unless there's love,
A love that's shining like a harbor light,
You're lost in the night;
Unless there's love,
The world's an empty place
And every town's a lonely town.

Prayer after Communion

God of all people, for this feast, we thank you. May the meal we have shared knit us ever more closely together with your church around the world, unified in Spirit, in mission, in love. Give us minds to accept and celebrate our differences; give us hearts big enough to love all people. We are grateful that you have set a table big enough for us all. In your many names we pray, Amen.

***Hymn 742** *We Will Walk with God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE
Swaziland

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Siyahamba*

setting John Behnke
(b. 1953)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Chancel Choir
Anna Burns Macdonald, *Liturgist*
Mozella Williams, *Elder of the Day*
Delevena Brown, *Usber*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*
Patrick Baker, *Zoom Moderator and PowerPoint*

****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, Morocco, Libya, and all
those who suffer from war and disaster.

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.

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.* cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org!

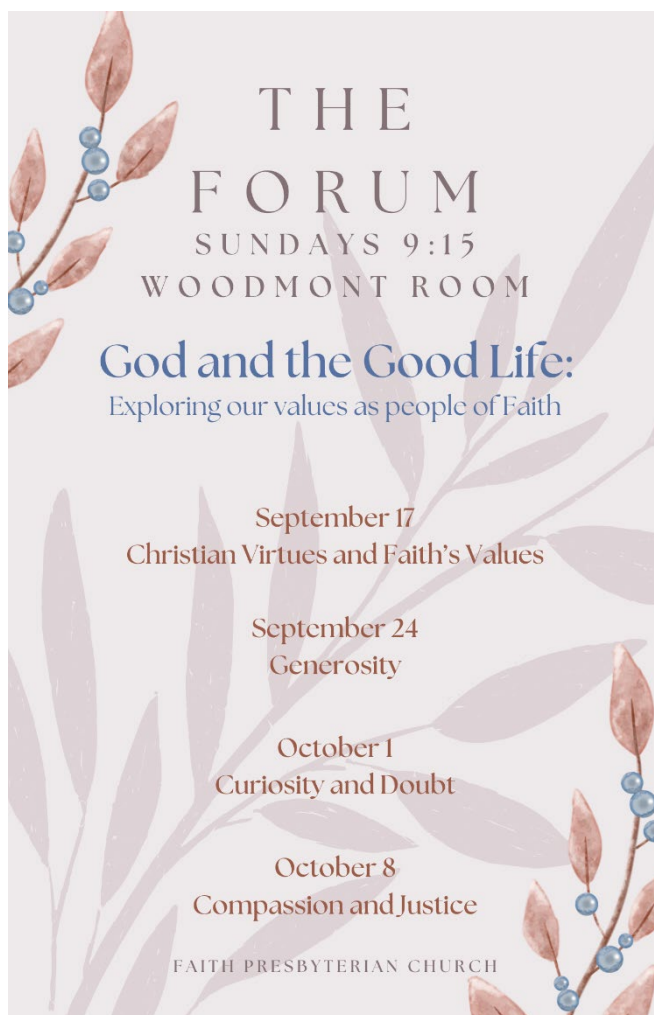
Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Wednesday - Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 818 8551 6595; passcode: 716331

Faith's choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm in the chapel. Come and add your voice to the Chancel Choir! See Dr. Samuel Springer for more information.

Children's Sunday School has begun! After the Moment with Faith Kids, kids ages 4 and up are invited to explore the passage of the day with games, crafts, and other activities. They will return at the end of worship to the sanctuary.

ROPAGOFA Youth Group meets every third Sunday at 5:30! Join young people from Faith, Govans, and Roland Park churches to build a durable faith through fun, games, and encountering God together. Every third Sunday –October 15 at Govans, November 19 at Stoneleigh Lanes (Bowling Alley), December 17 at Faith. **Faith youth will gather** here monthly for our own Faith Formation Group on the first Sundays at 5:30.

New Directory We are updating our church directory! Please submit a recent photo and any changes to your address or contact information to faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.





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Opera at Morgan presents a fundraising concert featuring performances by Morgan State University Alumnae and students to help underwrite costs for the fall 2023 production!

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