

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22, 2023



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 *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack Nesbitt

We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

**Together we give thanks for God's presence among us!**

Like Moses, we wish to see the face of the divine.

**Open our eyes to see you in those around us.**

The Creator's goodness shines in the bright autumn colors blazing forth on each tree.

**We notice sacred beauty in the change of seasons, and God's hand guiding the cycles of growth and letting go.**

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

All of creation belongs to God...  
and so we join our hearts in praise.

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, though you made the world and all that is in it, we admit that we have forgotten your claim on creation. Blood is spilled over control of land, rights are denied to control bodies. We fail to honor your holy presence and power in the world around us, and we neglect our responsibility to treat all things and all people as sacred. Forgive us, and remind us that in loving one another, in listening to voices long silenced, in caring for creation, we love, listen, and care for you. 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

## A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 96:1-9

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name;  
proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.  
Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations  
and the wonders of God among all peoples.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of your sanctuary!  
Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.  
Ascribe to YHWH the honor due the divine name;  
bring offerings and come into the holy courts.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before God.

**MUSIC** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

John Purifoy  
(b. 1952)

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**SERMON**

*What's Mine Is Yours*

**Rev. Goodrich**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***HYMN 344** *Where Armies Scourge the Countryside*

PACE MIO DIO

**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** *Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Christopher Wiggins  
(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 836** *Abide with Me*

EVENTIDE

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata Festiva (In Babilone)*

Richard Purvis  
(1931-1994)

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist**  
**Jack Nesbitt, Liturgist**  
**Mozella Williams, Elder of the Day**  
**Delevana Brown, Usher**  
**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](mailto: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, Israel, Palestine, 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](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.

**Childcare** for our young children is available. While kids are welcome in worship, there is a caregiver and safe play space in the nursery, just out the door nearest the pulpit.

Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** email by completing the visitor card or go to the website: [faithpcbalt.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**ROPAGOFYA 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 –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](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

**Frightful Fun!** Join us after worship on Sunday, October 27 for Halloween games and a scary, delicious pizza lunch. Wear a costume and come join the fun! Candy contributions welcome; please leave bags of nut-free candy in narthex or church office.