

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023



Love Is the Most Ancient Law, mixed media
Jan Richardson, (b. 1967) Winter Park, Florida

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

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *What a Friend we Have in Jesus*

Robert Hobby
(b. 1962)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Autumn Watkins

Come, you thankful people; come.
We come with curious minds and hungry hearts.
Come, with such clarity and strength of purpose,
that no self-absorption clouds for us the will of God,
and no weakness prevents us from doing it.
Come, and in God's love be loved,
and in Christ's service find freedom.

***HYMN 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, for all we have done that we regret, forgive us! For all we have failed to do that we regret, have mercy! For acting without love; for reacting without thought; for turning away without compassion: forgive us! For failing to forgive and for clinging to resentment, have mercy! For unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, forgive us, and help us lay our burdens down, trusting in the power of your grace. 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

HEBREW BIBLE READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

MUSIC *More Love to Thee*

Penny Rodriguez
(b. 1958)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON

The Law

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 693** *Though I May Speak*

GIFT OF LOVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Choose Generosity*

Carl Herber

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 *African Spirit Song (Come Holy Spirit)*

arr. Victor C. Johnson

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 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata and Fugue in d minor BWV 565*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Autumn Watkins, Liturgist
Lauren Hill, Deacon 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.

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.

Frightful Fun! Join us today after worship 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.

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.

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 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 –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.