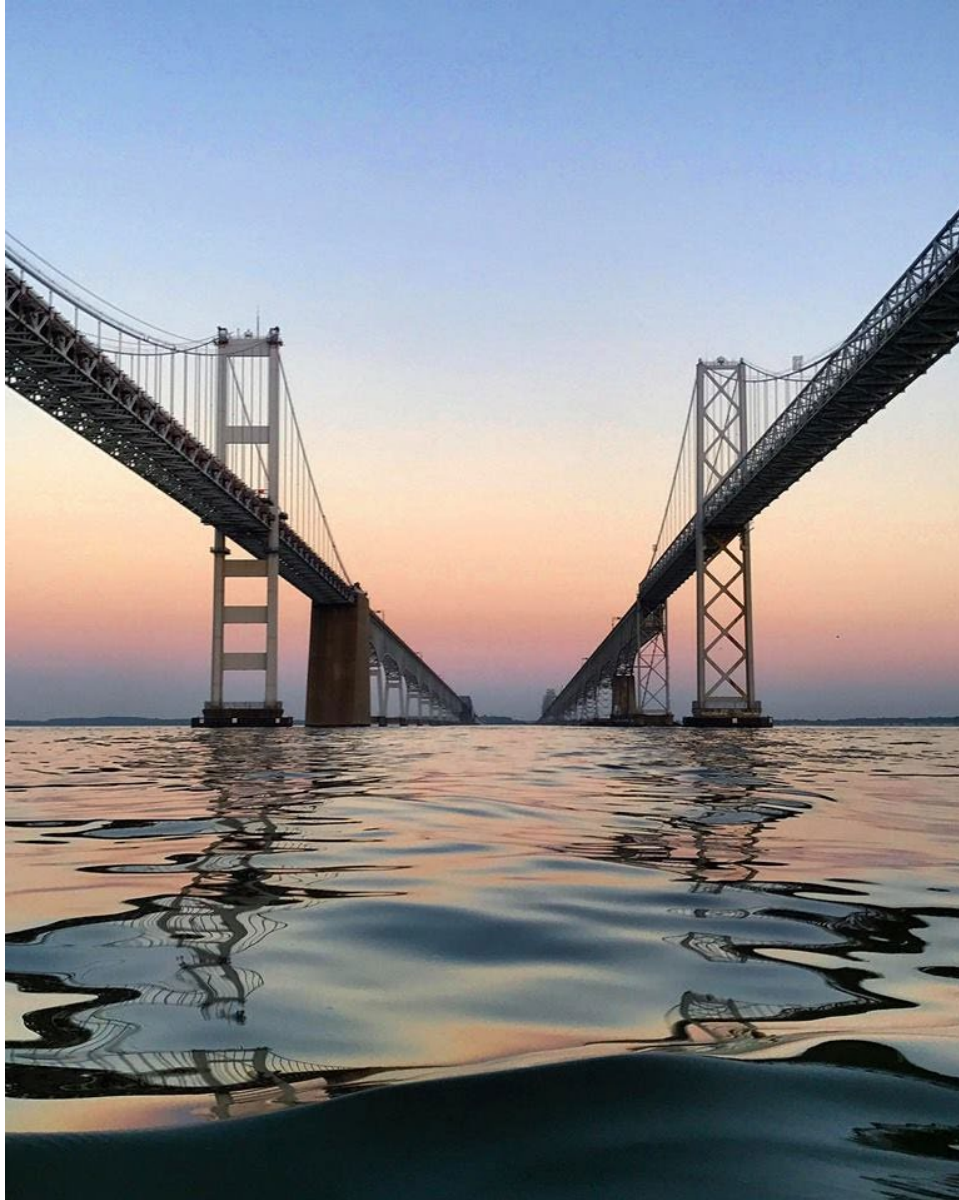


27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023



**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 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

**Robert Elmore
(1913-1985)**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Neil Nemser

From nothing, God created everything...

And so we gather to worship.

From enslavement, God leads people to liberation...

And so we add our voices to the chorus.

From isolation, God calls us into community...

And so we are here with gratitude and hope.

***HYMN 463** *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liberating God, your commandments are not a burden to bear, they are a path to living authentically as your people. Too often, we fail to act from the solid foundation you laid out for us, choosing instead to conform to the shifting sands of culture. Forgive our many faults, and free us from the sin which weighs on our hearts, that we might be living testimonies to your goodness and love. 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 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

MUSIC *Foundation*

Bonnie Barrett
(b. 1948)

EPISTLE READING Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Running Onward

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Matthew 25 Church

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 *Dream On, Dream On*

Sun Kyung Lee
(b. 1995)

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 741** *Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist

Neil Nemser, Liturgist

Mozella Williams, Elder of the Day

Delevena 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, 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.



OPERA AT MORGAN *FUNDRAISER*

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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Exploring our values as people of Faith

September 17
Christian Virtues and Faith's Values

September 24
Generosity

October 1
Curiosity and Doubt

October 8
Compassion and Justice

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