# Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024



The Road to Emmaus, acrylic on canvas Daniel Bonnell (b. 1955) Hilton Head, SC

# Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude "On a Melody of Orlando Gibbons"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Krista Wallace

We gather as Easter people in a Good Friday world.

What does the resurrection mean for us? What difference does it make?

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or in spirit

The road may be long, but we do not walk alone. In our struggle, in our joy, God meets us on the way. With eyes open to see Christ among us, let us worship God.

\*HYMN 246 Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we confess the opportunities we missed to share an encouraging word or lend a helping hand; the many times we failed to show your grace to others, failed to notice needs in front of us. Forgive us, and by your grace, turn your love into action within us, that our city might be renewed, the world changed for the better, and all in need of your grace might be uplifted by it. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

**Kyrie 833** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

#### \*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 4**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful; the Lord hears when I call.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!' You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

MUSIC Take the Name of Jesus with You

Jan Alexander

#### **GOSPEL READING** Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is

now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story, **Thanks be to God.** 

SERMON Eagle Eyes Rev. Goodrich

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn 252 Day of Arising

# **MINUTE FOR MISSION** DEAR Fund Revisions

Lauren Hill

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**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** What He's Done

Jacob Sooter (b. 1982)

#### 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 295 Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Postlude Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

# **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Krista Wallace, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir
Monea Brown, Soloist
Judy Sperling, Elder of the Day
Yvonne Davis, 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 All those effected by the collapse of the Key

Bridge.

The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, 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.

**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.

**Children's Sunday School** On most Sunday mornings, 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.

**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** email by completing the visitor card or go to the website: faithpcbalt.org and navigate to "Contact Us."

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

The Four Collages at the front of the sanctuary today represent our prayers through the season of Lent. The sunburst pattern is created from paper torn on Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent (the tearing of paper representing the rending of our hearts). Then, each week in worship we offered prayers and set intentions to connect more deeply with ourselves, our communities, nature, and the transcendent. Take time today to look more closely at each piece, giving thanks for our shared journey over the past six weeks. Special thanks to all who helped to create the collages: participants in our Ash Wednesday service, Paula Burger, Gillian Goodrich, Robin Nemser, Gail Poorbaugh, and Lori Rawle.

**The Forum**: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays*, *9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom*. Meeting ID: 829 2802 1217, passcode: 551345

**Celebrating Baltimore's Cultural Resources** Join the Forum in April for a series highlighting some of Baltimore's cultural treasures. We are fortunate to live in a city that has nationally recognized historical sites, major art and other museums, a world class symphony, and so many more cultural resources. Let's learn more about what Baltimore has to offer together.

- 4/14 B&O Railroad Museum with Train Historian John Geist
- 4/21 Walters Art Museum with former Board Chair Ellen Bernard and a Curator
- 4/28 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra with Resident Pianist Lura Johnson

**Book Club:** The April book we are reading *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. "A sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries." A New York Times book review top ten book of the year; a Washington Post top ten book of the year and finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award Book Club will meet at Pat & Jack Nesbitt's home (3913 Juniper Road, Baltimore, 21218) on **Tuesday April 30 at 7PM**.

**ROPAGOFA Youth Group meets every third Sunday!** Join young people from Faith, Govans, and Roland Park churches to build a durable faith through fun, games, and encountering God together. The next gathering will be on **Sunday, April 21 5:30-7pm at Roland Park Presbyterian. BUILD Annual Meeting** April 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – We are hosting the annual meeting of BUILD and we need help to offer hospitality that evening starting at 6pm. If you are available to volunteer, please let the office know.

**Faith Workday Saturday, April 20, 9-11am** – Come spread mulch, clean up our gardens and help make Faith shine!

Harford House Dinner, Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - The Deacons are taking a hot dog dinner to the residents. If you would like to contribute to the dinner, please see Susan Minor in church this Sunday, April 14th. The menu: hot dogs and rolls; condiments: catsup, mustard, relish; potato chips; potato salad; cole slaw; brownies; sweet tea. Thank you!

Chinquapin Park Cleanup, April 27, 9-12pm. – We are partnering with Glen Oaks Community Association to support a family fun day at Chinquapin Park. We will clean up from 9-noon, basket lunch and family games from 3-6!