

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024



Shining Path, charcoal, pastels, and graphite on paper
Jim Fitzpatrick (b. 1945) Ireland

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.

Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Raise Yourself Up to Your God*

Guy Bovet
(b. 1942)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Garrett Loomer

Your people praise you, O God:
for hope in the midst of despair,
for strength in times of weakness,
for justice in situations of oppression,
for courage in the face of fear,
for life in the midst of death!
Let everything that breathes, praise the God of life!

***HYMN 415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of power and mercy, in the midst of a chaotic world, we turn to you seeking peace. Take what is closed in us and open it, we pray. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it. For too often we are like Peter, O God: quick to argue, slow to see another's side. We fear what we don't understand. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen. So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 577 *Lord, Have Mercy*

KYRIE ELEISON
(Reindorf)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 215** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

verse 3

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

***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 22:23-31

Praise the Lord, you that fear God; stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them; when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: "May your heart live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before God. For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before God. My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; they shall be known as the Lord's forever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.

MUSIC *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Robert Lau
(b. 1943)

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

SERMON

Who Is He to Us?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Advocacy*

Paula Burger

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 *To Follow Jesus*

arr. Stacey Nordmeyer
(b. 1972)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lenten Creative Prayer Project – Our Lenten journey continues as we consider who we are in light of who Christ is. What labels do you wear? Write them down, each on a separate strip of paper. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for your true self: a beloved child of God.

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 656** *We've Come This Far by Faith*

THIS FAR BY FAITH

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Festal March*

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
The Chancel Choir
Garrett Loomer, *Liturgist*
John Colmers, *Elder of the Day*
Nancy Gulsoy and Audrey Trapp, *Ushers*
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, 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.

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 most Wednesdays to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 818 8551 6595; passcode: 716331

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom*. Join us in March as we read and reflect on Casper ter Kuile's book *The Power of Ritual: Turning Everyday Activities into Soulful Practices*. To see our everyday lives as filled with potential for spiritual practices and meaning. If you would like us to order a book for you, please email the church office at seekfaith@faithpcbalt.org.

3/03 Connecting with Self

3/11 Connecting with Others

3/18 Connecting with Nature

3/25 Connecting with Transcendence

Children's Sunday School On 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.

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, March 17 at 3pm**. We will be going to see the Third Wall production of *Jesus Christ Superstar!* The theatre's address is 3701 Sweet Air Rd, Phoenix, MD 21131. We can carpool from Faith, if we meet at 2:10 at church - but please let Cat know you plan to carpool, so we can wait for you! Buy your own tickets in advance and use code **ROPAGOFA** for our special \$10 ticket (plus ~\$1 in fees). The code will only work for the Sunday March 17, 3pm performance.



Lenten Small Groups forming now! If you would like to join a small group to read and reflect on Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie's book, *Good Enough, 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*, please let Cat know, catfaithchurchbalt@gmail.com. Written gently and with humor, *Good Enough* is permission for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix—and some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better.

Book Club: Our February book to read and discuss will be *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J Ellis. His Excellency is a magnificent work, indispensable to an understanding not only of its subject but also of the nation he brought into being. We will meet at Paula & Peter Burger's home (36 Whitfield Road, 21210) on Tuesday February 27th at 7PM.

Save the Date! The next **Presbytery Gathering is at Faith** on Thursday, March 14 from 10 till noon. If you would like to volunteer to help with hospitality, please let us know.