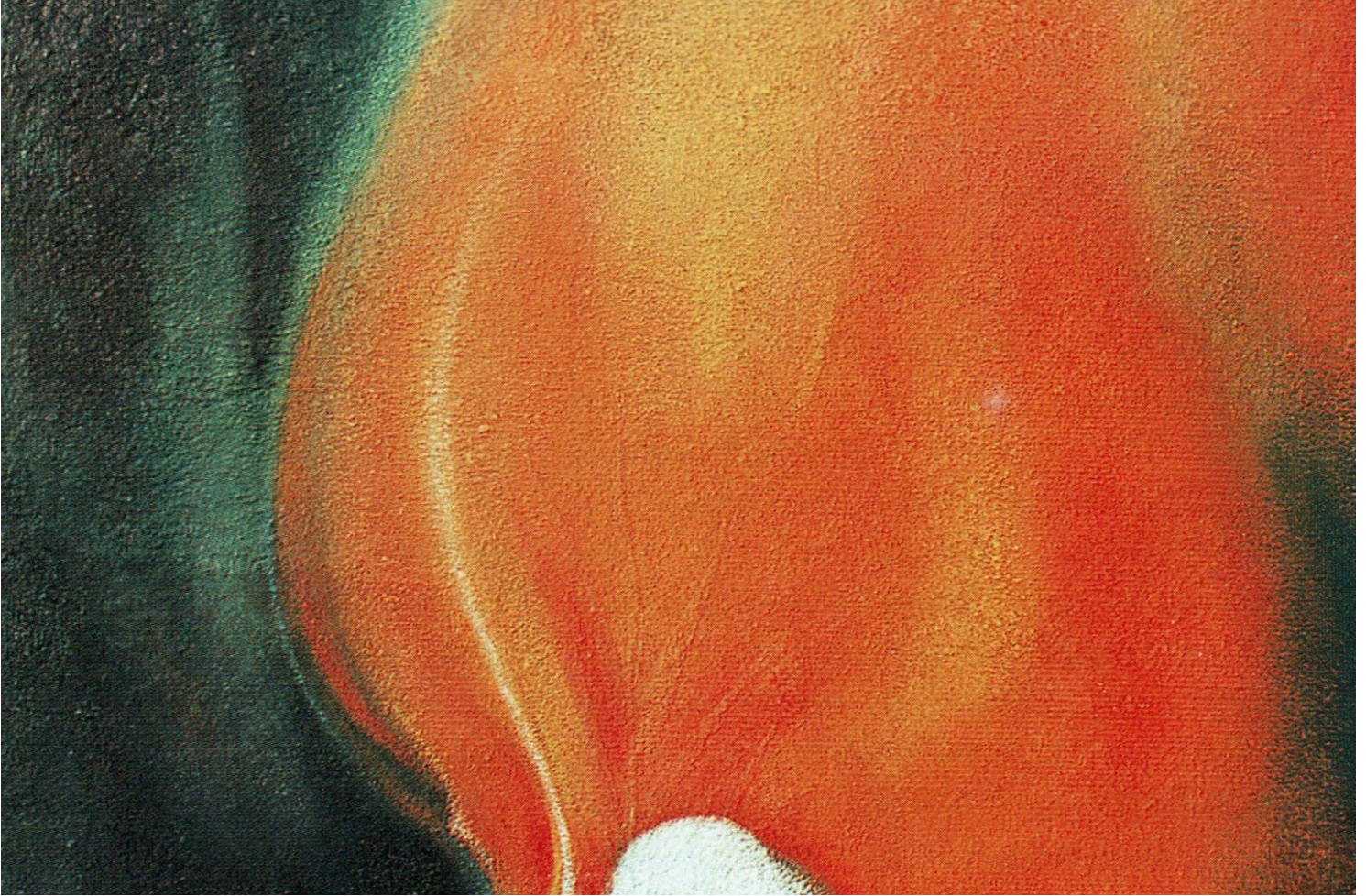


Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024



Seed Resurrection, oil on canvas
Frank Wesley (1923-2002) India

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

A REPORT ON THE SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC GATHERING

Bobby Hall

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Our Father in Heaven*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dary Goodrich

From the corners of the world, from the confusion of life, from the loneliness of our hearts,

Gather us in, O God.

To feed our minds, to fire our imagination, to nourish our souls,

Gather us in, O God.

To see you clearly, to see ourselves as you see us, to see our neighbors with fresh eyes,

Bring us together, O God, into your gracious company.

***HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have taken great benefits with little acknowledgement and have been quick to insist upon our own rights before seeing to the needs of others. We have been glad to be loved, but we've forgotten to love the world. Forgive us, merciful one. Broaden our maps and our hearts to match Christ's wide embrace. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

MUSIC *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

setting John Carter
(b. 1930)

GOSPEL READING John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SERMON

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

MINUTE FOR MISSION *One Hour of Sharing*

Susan Minor

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 *Precious Lord*

Monea Brown, soprano

Thomas Dorsey
(1899-1993)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lenten Creative Prayer Project – The beauty of the natural world is a reminder of God's creative power and our connection with other living things. Bring to mind an outdoor space that is a site of pilgrimage for you - somewhere you have returned to time and again, to rest and be restored. Write the name of the place, or a word that signifies that place for you as a prayer of thanksgiving, and as a sign of your intention to return if and when you can.

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

***HYMN465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Father*

Charles F. Gounod
(1818-1893)
arr. Dorothy Wells

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Vivian Slacum, Guest Organist
The Chancel Choir
Monea Brown, Soloist
Dary Goodrich, Liturgist
Gail Poorbaugh, Elder of the Day
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*. Meeting ID: 829 2802 1217, passcode: 551345

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.

3/24 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.

Book Club: NEW DATE: Our March book to read and discuss will be reading *Killers of the Flower Moon - The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. "A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American History." National book award finalist and now out as a Martin Scorsese movie. Book Club will meet at Pat & Jack Nesbitt's home on **Tuesday April 2 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.**

MARCH DINNER AT HARFORD HOUSE Deacons will be providing our monthly Harford House dinner for residents there on **Thursday, March 28th.** If you would like to contribute to the meal, we would like to have the following:

roisserie chickens, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad greens/dressings, desserts, sweet tea, rolls and butter

All items should be placed in the kitchen with labels on them by the morning of the 28th.

This month we will also need a volunteer to take the food down to the men. Harford House is very easy to get to, parking has not been a problem, and a resident will let you in. You will be given his contact info. The men look forward to this dinner so much, we really appreciate your willingness to take part! **A deacon will be in church today with a clip board,** ready to take your name and which item(s) you would like to donate. Thank you all for your generosity!

CARE Day Help get the grounds in shape as much as possible **Saturday, March 23, 9-10:30am** in preparation for Holy Week and Easter! There is much tidying of the grounds to do. We would love to have a big turn out! So much can be accomplished in 1.5 hours with many hands on deck (or on pruner). Please bring your gloves and tools.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30

10:30 - Noon

Games & Crafts on South Lawn at 10:30am
Photos with the Bunny begin 11:00am
Egg Hunt at 11:15am



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Holy Week at Faith

PALM SUNDAY

March 24

Meet in the courtyard at **10:20** for our Palm Parade. Worship in the sanctuary at **10:45**.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28

Gather with family or friends for dinner at home
(Questions to spark reflection will be provided).

Join to break bread on Zoom at **6:30**.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29

Join us in the sanctuary at **6:00** for a solemn service of remembrance for Good Friday.
Visual art connected to the scripture will guide our shared meditation.

SATURDAY EGG HUNT

March 30

Join Faith friends and neighbors at **10:30 - 12:00** on the south lawn for games and crafts; egg hunt in courtyard at **11:15**. Photos with the bunny starting at **11:00!**

EASTER

March 31

Congregational brunch at **10:00** in Jackson Lounge – bring a breakfast dish to share.
Worship with brass, communion, and a festive procession at **10:45**.
Come celebrate the joy of the resurrection with us!