

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 2024



Faith Presbyterian Church, drawing
Woodbourne Room
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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 *Prelude on "Beach Spring"*

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Neil Nemser

God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people,

*Please rise in body or in spirit

where all are welcomed and valued,
Children are cherished,
and we find beloved community.
As we gather here, the temple of our hearts
becomes a refuge, with doves of peace roosting in the rafters;
a garden that bears the fruits of generosity and joy.
May beauty break forth within us, around us, and through us!

*HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, you meet us as we are, despite our anger or apathy, with understanding. Forgive us for ignoring the cries of workers who are exploited or overloaded, who long for a living wage. When we allow corruption and greed to continue unchallenged, correct us, O God. Overturn the tables of our hearts, so that we might be filled with compassion, serving all who are in need. We open ourselves 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

Mozella Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-17

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 bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

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.

MUSIC *My Refuge*

Anthony Giamanco
(b. 1958)

GOSPEL READING John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the moneychangers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my father's house a market-

place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

SERMON

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 70** *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

MOON

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 *Let Your Light Shine*

Mary McDonald

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The prayer continues, concluding with...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF COMMUNION

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Lenten Creative Prayer Project – Rituals can be a way to re-connect with ourselves; sacred reading, meditating, practicing sabbath all help us rest, reflect, and deepen our awareness of who and how we are. As an act of commitment, come forward and write down a word or a phrase that signifies a ritual you will practice in the days ahead that will enable you to connect with yourself. It may be small (light a candle and sit quietly for a few minutes each morning) or large (a 24 hour tech sabbath?) - open yourself up to the nudging of the spirit this week!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 515** *I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist

The Chancel Choir

Neil Nemser, Liturgist

Gail Poorbaugh, Elder of the Day

Nancy Gulsoy and Audrey Trapp, Usher

Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint

Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

This week we pray for:

Faith's homebound members and
those receiving long-term care.

Victims of gun violence

Our partners in Cuba

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.faihtpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihtpcbalt.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: faihtpcbalt.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@faihtpcbalt.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.

Book Club: 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. Time, date and place to be decided.

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.

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.



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!

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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