

Sunday, April 13, 2025  
Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday (Hallelujah) oil on canvas  
Mike Moyers (b. 1970) American

**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.*

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**MARCHING TUNES 597** *Holy, Most Holy Lord*

SANNANINA

**853** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

SIYAHAMBA

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Nesbitt

Come, all you people; come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Fill the air with shouts of welcome for our savior!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

If we were quiet, even the stones would shout aloud-

**Hosannah, come, and save us!**

\*HYMN 199 *Filled with Excitement*

HOSANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, in Christ Jesus you know our hearts – yet still you love us, even unto death. We have denied you, and denied your calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and betrayed your commandment to love one another. Have mercy on us! Teach us to love and serve you faithfully, and to love and serve others as you would have us do. As we begin this holy week and prepare to walk the road ahead with you, hear now our silent prayers of confession...



KYRIE 467 *Give Us Light*

JYOTHI DHO

3) Give us peace; give us peace; give us peace, O Lord.

5) Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA 654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...  
... and also with you.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good  
and God's steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say, 'God's steadfast love endures forever.'**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
**and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Save us, we cry to you, O Lord!**

**O Lord, we beg you, give us success!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**We bless you from God's house.**

**God is holy,  
and has given us light.**

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, God is good,  
**and God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**MUSIC** *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

arr. Larry Shackley  
(b. 1956)

## GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story,

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*March On!*

**Rev. Goodrich**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\***HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** *One Great Hour of Sharing*

**Nancy Gulsoy**

## 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** *Wounded Alleluias*

J Craig Courtney  
(b. 1948)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Interactive Lenten Prayer Project: *The people welcomed Jesus with excitement because of Christ's teaching and healing ministry; his work to include those who were excluded, to cast out evil, and to uplift the downtrodden.*

*What wounds cry out for healing today? Write a word or phrase that describe or signifies the issues, places or situations, in need of transformative healing pray for God's power to intervene.*

**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 218** *Ab, Holy Jesus*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Epilogue on "St. Theodulph"*

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

### **Leading Worship Today**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**

**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist**

**Chancel Choir**

**Pat Nesbitt, Liturgist**

**Judy Sperling, Elder of the Day**

**Delevana Brown, Usher**

**Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint**

**Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera**

**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](http://www.faithpcbalt.org), and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org).

**Kids are WELCOME at Faith!** Children are welcome in worship, but if you need it, there is a caregiver in the nursery, just outside the door nearest the pulpit.

On the first Sunday of the month, children are encouraged to stay in worship for the whole service, to share in the sacrament of communion. Church school for K-2 and 3-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classrooms on the third floor.

When in the sanctuary, children six and under are invited to worship in the **Prayground** at the front of the sanctuary. The Prayground has quiet activities and books to keep hands busy so ears can listen. 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.

**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:**

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| Faith's homebound members and those receiving long-term care. | The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and all those who suffer from war and disaster. |
| Our partners in Cuba                                          |                                                                                                                                        |
| Our democracy                                                 |                                                                                                                                        |

**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: 830 8730 5092; passcode: 033954.

**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. **The Forum will not meet on April 20 (Easter).**

**Book Club** is reading *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. A singular new novel from the Betty Trask Prize-winner Samantha Harvey, *Orbital* is an eloquent meditation on space and life on our planet through the eyes of six astronauts circling the earth in 24 hours. Described by the New York Times as "Ravishingly Beautiful." The next meeting is on **Tuesday April 29, 7PM at the Nesbitt's** (3913 Juniper Road, 21218). Everyone is welcome.

Bring your rinsed **aluminum cans to raise money for Haiti!** Bring aluminum cans (the change in metal prices means we can no longer accept foil) to church on Sundays and drop them into a designated bin in the Narthex or in Hyde Hall. The cans are sold as scrap metal and the funds sent to two orphanages in Haiti, the Kay Papa Nou Orphanage and Unity House. Have something larger? Call David Rawle at 410-382-4571. Questions? Call David or Lori Rawle at 410-980-6561. Your contributions have made a big difference, and the project coordinators are grateful for your ongoing support! **THANK YOU!**

## **HOLY WEEK at Faith**



**Palm Sunday** - Gather at 10:20 in the courtyard for our Procession of Palms! We will begin with a blessing for Holy Week at 10:25, then our procession will depart at 10:30.

**Maundy Thursday** - Join us for worship around the table in Hyde Hall at 6:00 on Thursday, April 17. We will share a soup supper and break bread together as we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

**Good Friday** - The Dismantling Racism Team of the Presbytery will hold a worship service at noon at St. John United Church in Columbia, MD. Rev. Cat Goodrich and Elder Charese Jordan Moore will offer a dialogue sermon based on the history of Faith and Knox Presbyterian Churches. The service will also be livestreamed, use QR Code.



**Holy Saturday** - Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday morning, April 19, at 10:30 in the courtyard at Faith! Join us for crafts, treats, and photos with the bunny!

**Easter Sunday** - Join us for a congregational brunch to celebrate the joy of Easter at 10:00 in Jackson Lounge, followed by worship at 10:45 - a musical prelude with brass will begin at 10:30.