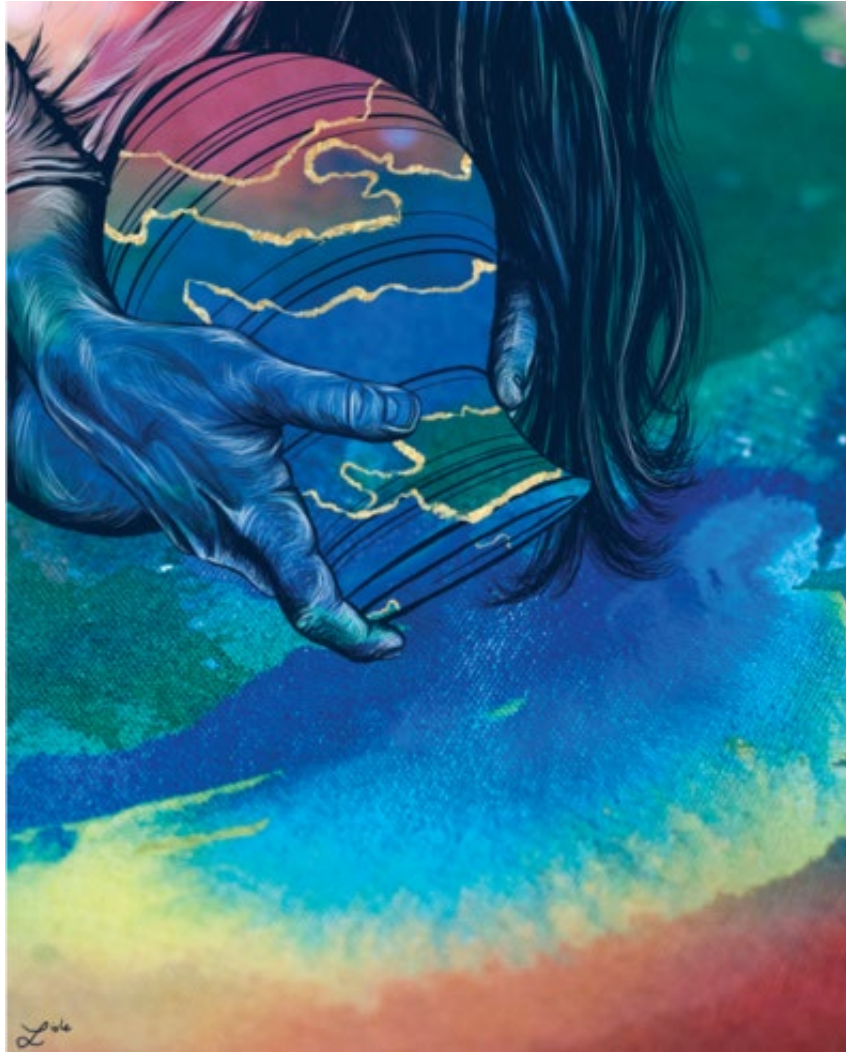


Sunday, April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Lent



Brazen Beauty (Mary Anointing Jesus' Feet) acrylic on canvas
Lisle Gwynn Garrity (b. 1988) North Carolina

**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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Rhosymedre (or "Lovely")*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
 from Bethany to Jerusalem,
 from there to here,
 from then to now,

Come, Holy One.

To heal the sick,
 to mend the brokenhearted,
 to comfort the disturbed,
 to disturb the comfortable,
 to drive out the money lenders,
 to liberate us all,

Come, Holy One.

To shoulder the cross,
 to show us the way,
 to take on the sin of the world,
 and to take it away,

Come, Holy One.

To this place, to us, today:

Come, Holy One.

*HYMN 637 *O Sing to the Lord*

CANTAI AO SENHOR

verses 1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of seeds sown, God of the rain, God of the harvest,
 We admit that we are skeptical of generosity; cynical about the power of grace to transform, hesitant to offer our own hands to the work of transformation. We become set in our ways. comfortable with the world as it is, we find it difficult to notice the new thing that is waiting to spring forth. Forgive our long memories, our hard hearts, our reluctant spirits, and let your living water rush forth with renewal. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

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

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

Mozella Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Janet Vogt
(b. 1953)

GOSPEL READING John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

SERMON

The Tenderness Project

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHERE PONI

MINUTE FOR MISSION *One Great Hour of Sharing*

Krista Wallace

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 *It Is Well with My Soul*

Jeremiah Washington, *baritone*

Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

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

In the sanctuary, you may either receive the juice by intinction (dip the bread in the cup) or with a sealed cup to take back to your pew. Either way, come forward by the center aisle and returned by the outside aisle.

If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break your 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.

Interactive Lenten Prayer Project: The prophet Isaiah points towards God's work in the wilderness, saying: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Is there a place in your life or in the world where you pray the Spirit is at work to make a way where there seems to be no way? Come forward, write a word to signify the situation or the name of the place where you pray a new thing might be ready to spring forth. Let it be an offering of your hope for the future, a sign of your trust in God's promise of renewal and redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, how lavishly you pour out the gift of your grace for us. You set a table laden with goodness, you fill our cups to the brim. May our lives be overflowing with love as we go forth, having shared the bread and cup that you offer, so that all might see and know your goodness and grace. With thanks we pray, amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 209** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

LOVE UNKNOWN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fantasia alla Marcia*

Denis Bedard
(b. 1950)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Chancel Choir
Nancy Gulsoy, *Liturgist*
Judy Sperling, *Elder of the Day*
Delevena Brown, *Usher*
Patrick Baker, *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, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, 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 out 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.

This week we pray for:

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

Our partners in Cuba

Our democracy

The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and all those who suffer from war and disaster.

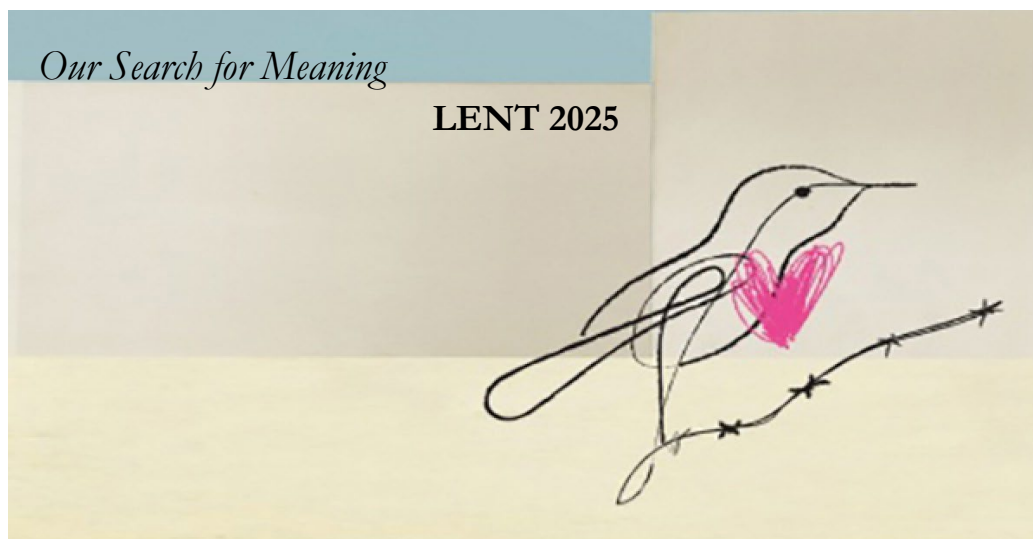
Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Wednesdays - Join Cat Wednesdays to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 830 8730 5092; passcode: 033954.

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. Next Sunday, April 6 we will explore the Easter story as it appears in the four gospels, led by Rev. Cat Goodrich.

Our Lenten theme is "Our search for meaning," inspired by *Man's Search For Meaning* by Victor Frankl, which chronicles his experiences as a Holocaust survivor and identifies ways people respond and find purpose even in the midst of deplorable, horrific circumstances. If you would like to read this book and gather to reflect on it, a group will meet at **6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 9 at Paula Burger's** home, 36 Whitfield Road.

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 22, 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

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.

Holy Saturday - Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday morning, April 19, at 10:30 AM in the courtyard at Faith! Join us and bring friends!

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.