



JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 16, 2017

10:00 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the “Moment with Faith Kids” for the remainder of the service.
Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Bill Millen

Prelude *Visione* in D flat

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Vivian Slacum, organ

**Please stand if you are able.
(The congregation will read the words in bold.)*

*Call to Worship

Jaia Lent

One: Fresh corn with butter, juicy peaches dripping from our chins:

All: Praise is due to you, God of the harvest!

One: Children chasing fireflies in evening's shadows, families picnicking in the backyard:

All: Praise is due to you, God of summer days!

One: Mothers tightening training wheels on bikes, fathers teaching kids to bait a hook:

All: Praise is due to you, God of our lives!

***Hymn 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Call to Reconciliation

Jaia Lent

One: We could offer seeds of hope, but don't. We could help a friend with a difficult problem, but won't. We could smooth the way for someone stumbling through life, but won't. Let us confess our harvest of sin to our God, as we pray together, saying,

All: We know the seeds we have sown, harvesting God: anger which springs from our flinty hearts; bitterness which flows like a rushing river into another's heart; hurtful words which wrap their thorny briars around a friend's kindness; passion which poisons an innocent relationship.

Forgive us, Loving God, and have mercy. Your grace can turn our fallow hearts into rich fields of love. Your hope can smooth the rocks in our way, so we can go to be reconciled to another. Your love for us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, can untangle the thorny mess we have made of our lives. Bless us with these gifts, we pray.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Jaia Lent

One: No ifs, no ands, no buts. Now there is no condemnation - period! God answers all our hurts, our wrongs, our sins with salvation. Believe this good news, my friends.

All: We are stunned by your grace, and embraced in your love, forgiving God, and lift our thanks to you. Amen.



***The Peace of Christ**

Jaia Lent

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco

Prayer for Illumination

Jaia Lent

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is waiting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

Lesson Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jaia Lent

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"Seeds Here. Seeds There. Seeds Everywhere" Rev. DiFrancesco

***Hymn 250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. DiFrancesco

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

OFFERING

Offertory All the Way

Kleiman/Allen

Randal Woodfield, *baritone*

***Congregational Response 717**
For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVOIR

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Offering Prayer

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Hymn 171** A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

SEACHRIST

***Benediction**

Rev. DiFrancesco

*The service concludes with the following postlude.
Please maintain a worshipful silence.*

Postlude How Great Thou Art

arr. Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jennifer DiFrancesco, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Jaia Lent, Liturgist
Randal Woodfield, Soloist
Vivian Slacum, Organist

Jenn DiFrancesco, ordained in 2001, currently serves as the Associate Pastor for Church Partnerships and Mission at Second Presbyterian Church and as Co-Pastor of a new worshipping community, www.SlateProject.org. An 11 year resident of Charles Village, married with three kids, she always finds something new to do in the community. You can find or follow her on Twitter or Instagram at @revjenn

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Drums Today

Steel drums will rehearse at the rear of the sanctuary after worship. Everyone is invited; no prior music experience is needed. Join the band!

Lemonade Fellowship

Mary Ellen Curtis is once again coordinating Lemonade Fellowship following worship. Please let her know if you are willing to host a Sunday and provide

lemonade, a sugar-free drink and some goodies to be enjoyed under the portico or in the narthex if it is unbearably hot.

Day Camp with Krislund July 24 - July 28, 9:00 – 4:00

Last week to register! A weeklong unique blend of outdoor ministries and congregational ministry, it is a joint effort between Krislund Camp and Faith Church. The camp is designed for young people who have completed grades K-8. Registration forms are now available for Faith's Day Camp. This is a new and exciting experience for our Faith kids, their friends and neighborhood children.

Harford House Picnic & Game Night July 21, 6:00 p.m.

The Deacons are hosting a fun evening at Harford House and would like help. If you can bring games, desserts, drinks and/or help, please contact Karen Burd or any Deacon.

A Note to the Faith Family

Eileen Hayes writes to say that she and Eric arrived safely in Whitewater, Wisconsin and that she is acclimating to getting lost periodically in the farmland. She concludes, "I truly appreciate the warmth and kindness I experienced at Faith. I carry the Faith spirit with me as I begin my next journey. Many thanks to Rev. Burns and to all."

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Luckye Austin
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717 For the Life That You Have Given

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing." The score concludes with a double bar line.

The text was commissioned in 1987 by Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where it has continued to be used each Sunday as the offertory response. The triune activity of God as Creator (line 1), Savior (line 2), and Sustainer (line 7) enables and inspires our thanks and praise.