



Joseph, Overseer of Pharaoh's Granary,  
Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, British, (1836-1912)  
Dahesh Museum, New York, NY

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 13, 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

Ron Sperling

### Prelude *Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

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

### \*Call to Worship

Ron Sperling

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**All: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

One: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**All: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

One: Let our prayers and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**All: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

One: With Christians across geography and across time,

**All: Let us worship God!**

### \*Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

### Call to Confession

Ron Sperling

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

### Prayer of Confession

Ron Sperling

**You call us to love as you love, care as you care, seek justice, mercy and truth in a world that has yet to feel the warmth of your embrace. But we fail to heed your call, draw back from those in need, say nothing when we see injustice. We become invisible. Forgive us, you whose love is better than life, you whose grace extends to all. Forgive us, and enable us to be the people we could be, that your name might be on the lips of all people. Amen**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Ron Sperling

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. ~ Romans 8: 34

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**



**\*The Peace of Christ**

Ron Sperling

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. Dr. Karen V. Brown

**Prayer for Illumination**

Ron Sperling

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**First Lesson** Genesis 39:1-6b

Ron Sperling

**Second Lesson** Romans 12:1-2, 9-13

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Sermon**

"From Pit to Palace"

Rev. Brown

**\*Hymn 691** Lord, When I Came into this Life

LAND OF REST

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Brown

**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

#### \***Congregational Response 717**

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVOIR

*see last page*

### Offering Prayer

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

#### \***Hymn 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

#### \***Benediction**

Rev. Brown

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

#### **Postlude** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Emma Lou Diemer  
(b. 1927)

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Dr. Karen V. Brown**, *Preaching*  
**Dr. Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music and Organist*  
**Ron Sperling**, *Liturgist*

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **DEAR Fund**

The DEAR Fund was created by Faith's Board of Deacons to provide financial assistance to any Faith Church member in an emergency. A Faith member may contact a committee member, the pastor, or the parish administrator to request assistance. An application is filled out confidentially and the committee lets the member know if the request is approved and the amount. Please consider contributing to this important fund; check DEAR Fund on pew envelope or in the memo of your check.

### **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.

**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:**

Christian Dunyoh  
Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling  
Dot Weller

Nancy Stutzer

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### Session

William Curtis, Clerk

2018	2019	2020
Ellsworth Jackson	Kay Ballard	Mike Billings
Pat Nesbitt	Andy Fuller	Scott Bissett
Judy Sperling	Neil Nemser	Bobby Hall
Krista Wallace	Randy Woodfield	Carl Herber

### Deacons

Dawn Shirey, Moderator

2018	2019	2020
Anna Burns	Ken Archie	Chandra Jackson
Gail Poorbaugh	Karen Burd	Susan Minor
Dawn Shirey	Mary Hodgson	
	Robin Nemser	

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# 717 For the Life That You Have Given

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 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.