



Noah's Ark, Edward Hicks, American, (1780-1849)
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia PA

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 30, 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

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Prelude *Adagio* from Sextet, Op. 71

Ludwig van Beethoven

(1770-1827)

arr. Sol Schoenbach

(1914-1999)

Lynda Aldana, *bassoon*

**Please stand if you are able.*

(The congregation will read the words in bold.)

*Call to Worship

Natalie Wallace

One: For the marvelous grace of your creation, we pour out our thanks to you, our God.

All: We praise you, O God, for plants growing in earth and water, for life inhabiting lakes and seas, for life creeping in soils and land, for creatures living in wetlands and waters, for beasts dwelling in woods and fields, for life flying above earth and sea.

One: How many and wonderful are your works, our God! In wisdom you have made them all!

All: We praise you, O God, for the gift of your creation and your mighty works among us!

*Hymn 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Prayer of Confession

Natalie Wallace

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen, you place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Natalie Wallace

Nowhere in creation can we escape the boundaries of God's loving care. God is present in our greatest joy and supports us in our deepest sorrow. Accept the forgiveness of God through Christ our Savior. Face the darkness and light of day with the trust that God holds you close, never to let you go. Amen.



***The Peace of Christ**

Natalie Wallace

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. Burns

Prayer for Illumination

Natalie Wallace

Loving God, your message is not sent in secret code, but in plainest and simplest of words. It is a love letter to us. Help us treasure it always, to live in love, and always to expect new messages. Amen.

Lesson Proverbs 6:6-11

Natalie Wallace

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Prayers from the Ark: the Ant"

Rev. Burns

***Hymn 697** Take My Life

GRATUS

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Burns

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Victor Labenske
(b. 1963)

Vivian Slacum, piano

***Congregational Response 717**

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVOIR

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of five systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 ends with a double bar line.

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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.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1987
MUSIC: Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830/31
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PLEADING SAVIOR
8.7.8.7.D
(alternate harmonization, 23)

Offering Prayer

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

***Hymn 719** Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

May there always be work for your hands to do. May your purse always hold a coin or two. May the sun always shine upon your window pane. May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near and may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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

Postlude *Bourée I* from Third Cello Suite

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)
arr. Sol Schoenbach

Lynda Aldana, *bassoon*

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist.*
Natalie Wallace, *Liturgist*
Lynda Aldana, *Bassoonist*
Vivian Slacum, *Pianist*

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steel Drums Today

Steel drums will rehearsal 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.

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
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Nancy Stutzer

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Dawn Shirey, Moderator

2018	2019	2020
Anna Burns	Ken Archie	Chandra Jackson
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