



Kelp Question Mark, Homer, Alaska, 2005, Color Photograph
Ken Alexander, California, United States

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 16, 2018

10:45 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.*

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayer for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Randal Woodfield

Minute for Mission

Natalie Wallace

Prelude *Antiphon III*

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

*Please, stand if you are able.

***Call to Worship**

Judy Sperling

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus, the bread breaker, the light gatherer,
cross carrier, welcome.

**All: May the peace of the Lord Jesus the peace maker and the temple
disturber, friend of the sinner and companion on the road, be with
us all.**

One: Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus, the savior, the healer, the teacher,
and worship him.

All: And ask ourselves, who do we say he is?

***Hymn 14** For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Prayer of Confession

**We long for wisdom, O God, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away
from you, and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life
together with you, O God. Most of all, we drown out your gift of wisdom
as you seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or
would prefer to decide where we make you welcome. Forgive us, loving
God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and
awaken us anew to the wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how
to walk in your ways and listen to your promise every day. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sung Response 695** Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

***The Peace of Christ**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your word, may the Holy Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

Lesson Mark 8: 27-38

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"No Easy Answers"

Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco

***Hymn 738** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker
(b. 1925)

***Offering Response 659** Know That God Is Good

MUNGU NI MWEMA

Offering Prayer

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

***Hymn 157** I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

*Benediction

The service concludes following the postlude

Postlude Be Thou My Vision

arr. Fred Bock
(1939-1998)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco *Guest Preacher*
Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Judy Sperling, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship & Arts *Today following worship, Woodmont Room.*

(Worship & Arts committee plans worship) The meeting is open to everyone who has an interest.

Session *Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.*

Men's Group *Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday School *following the Moment for Faith Kids*

The Christian Education Committee is excited to welcome all of our children and youth. Sunday School classes will begin **Today**.

- PreK - 1st (classroom nearest the sanctuary)
- 2nd – 5th (2nd upstairs classroom)
- 6th - 9th (1st upstairs classroom)

Interim Search

Your Interim Pastor Search Committee, under the direction of David Meyers and with the steadfast support of Paula Burger, our Human Resources Chairperson, has identified two individuals whose qualifications for this position meet our exacting prerequisites.

Both have many years of successful ministry and are now interested in pursuing their desire to providing a church in transition spiritual support as it works its way through the process of calling a permanent pastor.

This week the committee has scheduled in-person interviews with each candidate. We feel confident that from these sessions the best person for Faith Church will be selected.

Then, with the concurrence of the Session, the process of establishing the date for our Interim Pastor shall commence.

We trust that it will be timely so that the important dates on our church calendar will be ministered under Christa's leadership.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

September 23 Cuba led by **Anna Burns** and **Lauren Hill**

September 30 Five Things You Can Do to Live Longer led by **Dr. Mozella Williams**.

Seeking Nursery Attendants

Robin Nemser is looking for volunteers to fill Rosemary Miller's vacancy as Nursery Attendant. You won't miss the sermon, as the service can be heard through the speakers in the nursery. The job is very easy and consists of the following:

Expectations for Nursery Attendant

1. Arrive at 10:30
2. If no children are in attendance by 11:00, feel free to go to worship, but sit close to the hallway door in case someone arrives late.
3. Care for the children in the nursery by playing with them, changing diapers, providing comfort, following parents' instruction.

4. Obtain parents' cell phone number in the case that they are needed during the service.
5. If appropriate, take the children into the sanctuary during the "time with Children" , then return to the nursery.

See Robin Nemser or call (443-570-9710) to pick your Sunday!

Book Club *Wednesday September 19, 7:00 p.m.*

To start the year off we will be discussing *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by **Susan Vreeland**. It is a novel of a haunting painting and its effect on a succession of owners over three centuries.

Bring books that you have read and any suggestions that you might have for books or themes for the year. We will set up a schedule for the year at that time. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion and fellowship. For more information contact host, **Pat Nesbitt** 410-366-2857. Everyone is welcome.

Our Sunday Child Caretaker

Rosemary Miller, our child caretaker is ill and won't be here for some time. She would appreciate cards; please send them to the church office to be forwarded.

CARES

CARES Food Pantry is currently running low on **peanut butter, jelly, and cereal**. Place items in the baskets. On behalf of GEDCO CARES' clients, thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity.

Shredding by Andre

Andre Slacum is a Faith Church member who volunteers here at Faith; one of his favorite activities is shredding. He provides a service to Faith Church by offering his shredding services here at the church. Bring your **sensitive documents** to church and place them in the box in the workroom marked "Shredding for Andre" or give them to Robin Nemser. You will be helping Andre, and he will return the favor to you. Start purging those file drawers!

Yoga at Faith

Gentle Yoga class are led by certified instructor, **Leanora Eubanks**. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. Come and try it out on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15 in September. Where: the Chapel; Cost: \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. To register or for more information call the church office 410-435-4330.

Habitat for Humanity, Save the Dates!

Here are the work dates that you all have been waiting for! Fall/Winter Build Dates for the McCabe Project are listed below. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you are able to work any of the dates Friday or Saturday. Nrew62@msn.com or 410-207-7190.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope

Fridays October 26, November 2, 9 & 30.

Saturdays October 20, November 10 & 17, December 1.

There is a maximum of 10 people per day. First come first serve! More dates will be available for December, January, February and March.

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:

Betty Bunce
Esmie & Leon Stirling

Nan Pohl
Nancy Stutzer

June Rowe
Betty Lou Tampieri

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Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2019	2020	2021
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JoAnn Robey	Scott Bissett	Karen Meyers
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Randy Woodfield	Carl Herber	Audrey Trapp

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Susan Minor, Moderator

2019	2020	2021
Karen Burd	Chandra Jackson	Gail Poorbaugh
Lauren Hill	Ileana Martinez Castillo	Natalie Wallace
Mary Hodgson	Susan Minor	Sharon Will
Robin Nemser	Mozella Williams	

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