



Be patient toward all
that is unsolved in your
heart and try to love the
questions themselves.
Do not now seek the
answers, which cannot
be given you because
you would not be able to
live them. And the point
is to live everything.
Live the questions.

quote from "Letters to a Young Poet," by Rainer Maria Rilke

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 26, 2019

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.
Children attending Church School will be escorted
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids."*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Millen

Minute for Mission

Natalie Wallace

Prelude Spitfire Prelude

William Walton
(1902-1983)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship**

One: This is the day the Lord has made,

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: In a world filled with violence and war,

All: We gather to celebrate the promise of peace.

One: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

All: We gather to advance the promise of justice for all.

One: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

All: We gather to commit ourselves to be a people in ministry. Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

***Prayer of the Day**

Rev. Jack Hodges

***Hymn** O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

see insert

Prayer of Confession

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Remind us of the Christ who brings shalom. As we name his name and advance his ministry grant that we might be joyful servants of his word. Empower us to work for your kingdom in this world and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom. Amen.

silent prayer

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Sung Response 698 *sung three times*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

***The Peace of Christ**

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

All: **And also with you.**

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Time with Faith Kids

Hannah Pope

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."**

Lesson John 14:23-29

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Two Questions"

Rev. Hodges

the sermon concludes with...

***Hymn 822** When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

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. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Christ, Be Our Light

setting Joel Raney
(b. 1956)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for the truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness. Shine in
your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your
word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. Many the gifts,
many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to
one another, making your kingdom come.

***Doxology 609**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high, and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

**Creator God, we pray that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
In that hope, all we do, all we say, all we think, we offer with these gifts
to you; and pray your kingdom will take root, grow strong, and flourish
among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

***Hymn 401** Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Postlude Now We Thank All Our God

Egil Hovland
(1924-2013)

Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Jack Hodges, Guest Preacher
Dr. Samuel Springer, Organist
Rev. Bill Millen, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir**

Faith welcomes **Rev. Jack Hodges** to the pulpit today. Jack is a retired Presbyterian minister who has hopelessly failed retirement. He has served five congregations from relatively large (978) to small (21) - small was the most fun. He is the General Presbyter Emeritus of Cascades Presbytery in Oregon, past member of the boards of the national Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Foundation, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and the Jinishian Memorial Program. He is currently on the Board of Governors of Occidental College in Los Angeles. Jack and Diane have two children, Craig and his family live in Wallingford – a Philadelphia suburb, Karen and her family live in Baltimore. Jack does consulting under the name of The Kairos Group.

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Block Party

The annual block party for our neighborhood is scheduled for this Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 pm. We're looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please let Bill Millen, Paula Burger, Robin Nesbitt, or Judy Sperling know of your willingness to assist in making this community tradition at Faith a success.

Social Justice & Environmental Committee

The SEJ has reached out to Walter P Carter Elementary/Middle School to begin to provide needed support for the school. The school is having a Health and Resource Fair for their families and community members at the school on **Saturday, June 8th from 10 am to 2 p.m.** Volunteers are needed at this event to assist with water stations, general crowd support, and food bank distributions. If you are would like to volunteer please contact Dawn Shirey, dawnshirey@cavtel.net and/or Karen Meyers, karencmeyers@gmail.com.

Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. Woodmont Room

Today was the last Adult Forum of the program year. Next Sunday, June 2 is planning for 2019-2020. If you would like to attend, please do so. For more information see Paula Burger or Diane Hairston.

Habitat Workdays

Habitat Workdays are **June 1, 7, and 22**. There is a maximum of 5 people per day. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you can work any of the dates. 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.*

Book Club Monday June 3 7:00, at the Nesbitts

The next Book Club will meet on June 3 to discuss *Becoming*. It is the memoir of former **First Lady Michelle Obama** published in 2018. Described by the author as a deeply personal experience, the book talks about her roots and how she found her voice, as well as her time in the White House, her public health campaign, and her role as a mother. Everyone is welcome.

Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Lemons!

Fresh fruit is more than scarce at the CARES pantry, so the Deacons have decided to use money donated to CARES to purchase produce every week to be delivered to the pantry. If you would like to help extend this effort, you can donate to the pantry by using a pew envelope marked for the CARES pantry. And your donations of non-perishable food are always welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Memorial Service for Tim Scheck

Faith family and friends will celebrate the life of Tim Scheck on Wednesday, June 12 at 5:00 p.m. A brief reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Huntington's Disease Center at Johns Hopkins or to Faith Church.

Yoga at Faith *Wednesdays 2:00-3:15, Chapel*

Gentle Yoga class is led by certified instructor, **Leanora Eubanks**. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. For more information call the church office 410-435-4330.

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

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