

# STRAIGHT OUTTA EXCUSES

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 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.*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.*

### Welcome and Announcements

**Rev. Mary B. Speers**

### Prelude There Is a Balm

setting Emma Lou Diemer  
(b. 1927)

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

### \*Call to Worship

**Mozella Williams**

One: The word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

**All: Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a child.**

One: But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, "I am only a child," for you shall go to all whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

**All: "Do not be afraid of anyone, for I am with you to deliver you," says the Lord.** ~ adapted from Jeremiah 1:4-10

### \*Hymn 728 Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

### Prayer of Confession

**God of faith, you believe in us far more than we trust you. We confess our disregard for your care, our doubt of your providence, our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk losing our comforts in order to find a new life. In the name of protecting those we love; we protect the life we are used to. We separate ourselves from you and from others, instead of responding in faith and hope. Help us to amend our lives, looking to Jesus as model for our faith, for we ask these things in his name. Amen.**

*moment of silence*

### Assurance of Pardon

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

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

### \* Sung Response 839

ASSURANCE

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long!**

*repeat*

### \*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**

**Sung Prayer for Illumination**

**Hymn 288** Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)**

**melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Lesson** Exodus 3:7;10-12, 4:1-13

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**One:** This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Can God Use You?"

**Rev. Speers**

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

LAND OF REST

**Prayers of the People**

We pray for forgiveness and redemption.

**We pray for help and healing.**

**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** Amazing Grace

arr. Gerald Near  
(b. 1942)

\***Doxology 605**

DA N'ASE

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three in One.**

**Sing praise, sing praise, to the Lord on high.**

**Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

\***Dedication of Self & Substance**

**Almighty God, everything we have comes from you. Whatever we do we owe to your Spirit, the life you have placed within us. Follow these gifts with your blessing and accept our hearts and our lives as offerings returned to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

\***Hymn 65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

\***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

**Postlude** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. David Cherwien  
(b. 1957)

### Leading Worship Today

**Rev. Mary B. Speers**, *Interim Pastor*  
**Dr. Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music*  
**Mozella Williams**, *Liturgist*

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Update from the PNC:

We are pleased to report that the MIF (Ministry Information Form) is complete and has been approved by Session! The next step is for it to be approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery. We anticipate this to occur in early September, at which point we can begin to advertise for candidates. We are grateful to our wonderful congregation for your support and prayers during this process.

### Hymn Sing in the Chapel

On September 1 we will gather in the chapel to worship, celebrate the Lord's Supper and sing some of your favorite hymns. Samuel will play Randy's piano.

### Welcome Home and Potluck Picnic *September 8*

We will gather in Fellowship Hall for our Welcome Home service and potluck. Mary has prepared a celebratory service. Mike Shirey will sing, and Samuel will play the piano. Hot dogs and beverages provide, bring a dish to share. We will eat inside or if you prefer to eat outside, bring a blanket or chairs.

### Adult Forum

September 15 – Experiences from Big Tent, led by **Audrey Trapp**

September 22 – Faith Church in Partnership with Walter P. Carter School, led by  
**Jovan Custis**, Community School Director

September 29 – October 21 – Five Stories that Define Us from the book of  
Genesis, led by Rev. Jack Hodges

### Fall Habitat Workdays

The Workday are in! If you would like to get dirty, have fun, and make a difference, volunteer! The limit is 10 people per day. Upcoming dates are September 21; October 5, 19, 26. Call or text Natalie Wallace.

### CARES Pantry

The Pantry is full of empty shelves; we need **canned veggies, spaghetti sauce, and cereal**. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside of the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund. Your gifts are used to purchase citrus and bananas throughout the summer. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Book Club**

We will be reading "Educated" by Tara Westover. Born in Idaho, public education was one of the many things her religious fanatic father was dubious of, believing it a means for the government to brainwash its gullible citizens. Her brother managed to extricate himself from their dangerous world and help her get out of a house full of mental illness and distorted reality. She accomplished the impossible by pursuing education to its highest level despite her earlier ignorance of the real world and history as well. Enjoy her incredible journey and join us Monday, September 23, at the Nesbitts to discuss this amazing story.

### **Margaret Turner's Memorial Service**

Long-time member Marge Turner's service will be on September 21. Time to be announced later. If you can help with the reception, contact **Robin Nemser**.

### **Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

### **Please Pray for Our PNC**

Karen Burd            Paula Burger

Neil Nemser           Pat Nesbitt

Mike Shirey           Judy Sperling

Natalie Wallace      Mozella Williams

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