

Bless this Mess: *Stories of Brokenness and Redemption*

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 6, 2021



Faith Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *I Wonder as I Wander:*

Appalachian Folk Song
arr. David Nevue
(b. 1965)

"I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky."

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

***Call to Worship**

Lauren Hill

Come, all who are thirsty, to drink from the wellspring of life.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls' thirst for God; here, we will be refreshed!

Come, all who are hungry, to share the living bread.

Here, we will be fed.

Come, God sets an abundant table, with room enough for all.

Let us worship God together!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your love is beyond our understanding. Yet time and again, we have failed to love others as you have loved us. We have ignored those in need, cast out those who are different, and refused to seek reconciliation. Forgive the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. Shower us with grace, and teach us your ways, that we might be reconciled to one another and to you. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

HALLE, HALLE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Chandra Jackson

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 42:1-8

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and behold
the face of God?
My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
Deep calls to deep

at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.
By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 21:8-20

The child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-Sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bless this Mess: (Abraham), Hagar and Ishmael

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 626** *As the Deer*

AS THE DEER

Minute for Mission Per Capita Giving

Neil Nemser

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.



Offertory *Precious Lord*

Neil Nemser, baritone

Thomas Dorsey
(1899-1993)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The prayer continues, concluding with

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be this day, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

When the bread is broken, please break the bread you have at home. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life, and a cup of grace overflowing. May the food we have shared strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Come Thou Fount*

arr. Jason Tonioli
(b. 1979)

Passing of the Peace

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Marilyn Valentine, Pianist

Lauren Hill, Liturgist

Neil Nemser, Soloist

Andy Fuller, Audio and Camera

Karen Burd, Zoom Moderator

Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint operator