

God's Green Earth

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 29, 2021



Mixed Media

Laura Curtis, (b. 1996) member of Faith Church

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you joining us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

Faith Presbyterian Church ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Arioso from Cantata 156*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

***Call to Worship**

Audrey Trapp

God calls us from a fractured world into community, through one faith that unites us all.
Here we learn that there is neither Jew nor Greek, enslaved nor free, male nor female.

The God who created us proclaims this truth:

We are one in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn 26 *Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

verses 1-3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the galaxies, you breathed life into dust to form us, to share in the goodness of creation. But we have been careless, squandering resources and destroying the earth. Forgive our selfish misuse of that which you called us to steward, we pray. Fill us with reverence for your creatures, that we might live in harmony with all you have made, for their sake and for our own. 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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength:

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved:

and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;

Though the waters rage and foam:

and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:

the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city, therefore it shall not be moved:

God will help it, when the morning dawns.

The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:

but God speaks, and the earth shall tremble.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come then and see what the Lord has done:

what destruction God has brought upon the earth.

God makes wars to cease in all the world:

YHWH breaks the bow and shatters the spear,

and burns the chariots in the fire.
'Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted upon the earth.'
The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Music *A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Old Testament Reading Lamentations 1: 1-2

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night,
with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers
she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
they have become her enemies.

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

Sermon *God's Green Earth: Civil Rights/Earth Rights-What's the Connection?* **Fr. Joe Muth**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 713** *Touch the Earth Lightly*

TENDERNESS

Act of Thanksgiving for Father Joe Muth

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

Daniel Rich, baritone

Prayers of the People and Our Lord's Prayer**

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
verse 1-3

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfried Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

***Passing of the Peace**

** Lord's Prayer from New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Father Joe Muth, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Audrey Trapp, *Liturgist*
Daniel Rich, *Soloist*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera Operator*
Karen Burd, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Please pray for:

Sandra McWhirter recovering after heart surgery.
Kay Ballard as she has tests and makes decisions for treatment

Continued prayers:

Nan Pohl
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members