

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 3, 2022**



Harvest in Provence, oil on canvas
Israel Museum, Jerusalem Israel
Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) Dutch

**Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are 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.

Welcome

Bill Curtis

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Kate Foster

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Prelude on "Beach Spring"*

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

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

*Call to Worship

Hear this good news! The reign of God is coming near!

Where? Here? How can that be?

Hear this good news! The reign of God will truly bring liberation and justice for all;

A community of belonging, where we find healing and wholeness.

Hear this good news! God's peace is meant for us!

Peace in all times and places, for us and for all. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you send us out to carry your healing and hope into the world. But we are weighed down by worry, and stymied by cynicism that our efforts will never make much difference. We stick to the paths, places, and people we know instead of venturing on roads less traveled, and hunger for retribution instead of seeking reconciliation and building peace. Look on us with love, forgive us with mercy, and give us courage to follow your Spirit's leading. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly." and "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!". The piano part features a steady accompaniment of chords and eighth notes.

Assurance of Grace

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

Fine

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais-es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.' The word 'Fine' is written above the final measure of the third system.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Robin Nemser

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading Galatians 6: 1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I

never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Music *Marching in Christ's Footsteps*

Shayla L. Blake
(b. 1958)

Gospel Reading Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Dr. Arthur Sutherland

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest of you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark My Words!

Dr. Sutherland

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation to The Table

Rev. Foster

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 who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day 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

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate.

If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it 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

God of all people, our cups overflow with life abundant. May the meal we have shared give us courage to follow where your Spirit leads, and a voice to defend the vulnerable despite the anger of the strong. Show us where love, hope, and encouragement are needed, and use us to carry them to those places. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 340** *This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Fantasy on "America, the Beautiful"*

Rex Koury
(1911-2009)

Leading Worship Today

Dr. Arthur Sutherland, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Rev. Kate Foster, *Liturgist & Communion Celebrant*
Robin Nemser, *Children's Sermon*
Vincent Stringer, *Soloist*
Karen Meyers, *Elder of the Day*
Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*
Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

****Joys and Concerns:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns, to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email: faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

This week we pray for:

John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Robert Ingram
Ann Scheck
Linda Seward

Faith's homebound members
The people of Ukraine
Victims of gun violence

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you found our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, www.faihpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faihpcbalt.org.

KIDS are welcome at Faith! Our PRAYGROUND at the front of the sanctuary is for children 6 and younger during worship. There are books and quiet activities to keep hands busy so ears can listen, and it's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

We gather weekly for BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 11:00 on Zoom. Join Pastor Cat to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!
Meeting ID: 889 4622 1070, Passcode: 709765

Welcoming the Stranger: Partnership with Beth Israel Congregation on *July 17, 1p* at Faith Church. Gather for luncheon at 12:30p and then we'll assemble welcome backpacks for newly arrived refugees. RSVP:

