

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 10, 2026**



*Areopagus Hill, Athens, Greece*

*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.*

**Faith Presbyterian Church  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE** *The Gift of Love*

arr. John Leavitt  
(b. 1956)

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of Faith: God gathers us here!

**We are brought together by the one who made our world and everything in it;**  
the One who gave us life and breath is never far away –  
**it is in God that we move, and live, and have our being.**

We need not look up to find God,

**we need only to look around:**

within ourselves,

**beyond ourselves,**

beside us, in the eyes of one another.

**Let us worship the source of all life, with hearts and hands and voices!**

\*HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator of the universe, You made us for each other, to tend and care for one another, and to enjoy the earth's abundance, to celebrate the sacred goodness of this life. But we are proud and can be selfish. Too often, we live for today with little thought for tomorrow. We are preoccupied with our own needs and fail to be concerned about the needs of others. Forgive us! Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds to not only receive your grace, but to share it; not only to grasp the blessing of abundant life, but to strive for all to experience it, too. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...**

KYRIE 456 *Listen, God is Calling* (refrain, sung twice)

NENO LAKE MUNGU

Listen, listen, God is calling,  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you...

**... and also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PSALTER READING, Psalm 66:8-16

Bless our God, O peoples;  
make the sound of God's praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.  
For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what God has done for me.

**MUSIC** *Near to the Heart of God*

Stan Pethel  
(b. 1950)

### NEW TESTAMENT READING, Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples who inhabit the whole earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed the Lord is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are God's offspring.'

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which the whole world will be judged in righteousness by a man whom has been appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Knowledge of God*

Rev. Cat Goodrich

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 274 *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

**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** *The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson  
(1933-2025)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 730 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fantasie on "Picardy"*

Denis Bedard  
(b. 1950)

### Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*

Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*

Purity Njagi, *Liturgist*

The Chancel Choir

Yvonne Davis, *Usher*

Nell Fultz, *Deacon of the Day*

Patrick Baker, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*

Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

### **This week we pray for:**

Faith's homebound members and those receiving long-term care.	All those who suffer from war and disaster.
Our partners in Cuba	Undocumented immigrants
	Mothers, and all those who have cared for us with a 'mother's heart'.

**WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church.** If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you find 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.faithpcbalt.org](http://www.faithpcbalt.org), and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org).

**Kids are WELCOME at Faith!** Children are welcome in worship, but if you need it, there is also a caregiver in the nursery, just out the door nearest the pulpit. On the first Sunday of the month, children are encouraged to stay in worship for the whole service, to share in the sacrament of communion. Church school for K-2 and 3-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classrooms on the third floor.

When in the sanctuary, children six and under are invited to worship in the **Prayground** at the front of the sanctuary. The Prayground has quiet activities and books to keep hands busy so ears can listen. 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.

**The Wednesday Bible Study** meets at 11:00 a.m. on Zoom. Join Cat each Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

**Meeting ID: 867 0820 7535 passcode: 107872.**

**The Book Club** is reading *The Lion Women of Tebran* by Marjan Kamali this May! This novel follows a decades-long friendship between two Iranian women, Ellie and Homa, beginning in 1950s Tehran until the Iranian Revolution in 1979. Plan to gather at 7 PM at Pat and Jack Nesbitt's home on Tuesday, May 26 to discuss.

**Fresh Eggs** from Beaver Moon Farm are for sale to benefit the **Bread Fund!** \$5/dozen for delicious, pasture-raised eggs. All proceeds will be given to the Bread Fund, to feed hungry people both here and in Cuba. Please give cash to Scott McGill or pay via Venmo: @Scott-McGill21.

**Sunday Forum:** You are invited to join our weekly Forum, a faith formation gathering for youth and adults. Travel with Faith Friends to scenic and significant places around the globe in a four-part forum series during May. Enjoy slides and commentary about places you may have been or want to go while your tour guides share what they learned from their travel experience.

No passport required! *Sundays, 9:15* in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.

**Meeting ID: 869 7810 6684, passcode: 841435.**

- 5/3 - Islands of the Mediterranean  
Paula and Peter Burger and Christa Burns
- 5/10 - India: Rajasthan to Agra  
John and Deb Colmers
- 5/17 - Kenya: Up Close and Personal  
Dwayne Bigler and Purity Njagi
- 5/24 - *Memorial Day - no Forum program*
- 5/31 – Retracing Biblical Footprints: Egypt, Jordan, & Turkey  
Scott McGill and Purdy Hobbs