

Sunday, July 19, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, what do you dream?
Enough for everyone; people living in peace.
People of God, what do you hope?

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

To be free of the chains that bind us; to shout with thanksgiving, not with anguish.

People of God, rejoice!

With God all things are possible!

People of God, be glad!

With our hearts and hands, these things are possible.

***HYMN 357** *The Days are Surely Coming*

LANGLOFFAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you give us all that we have and all that we are; you call us to use our gifts for the benefit of others. In times of great crisis, we come through; but far too often, we hold back, hoping someone else will step in. We feel too busy, or worry we are not up to the task. How blind we are, how foolish! Forgive our self-doubt, and send your spirit to move us into action, that we might build the world as it ought to be. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 285 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare.
Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 388** *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE

Come all you people,
Come and praise your maker (x3),
Come now and worship the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-16

Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
and consecrated the guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good, nor harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done,

good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

SERMON

Perplexing Texts: The Parable of the Talents

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 771** *What is the World Like?*

NEW WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*

Ola Oladipupo, *Guest Organist*

Chancel Choir

Jack Nesbitt, *Liturgist*

Lauren Hill, *Elder of the Day*

Bobby Hall, *Usher*

Patrick Baker, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*

Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

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, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org.

Kids are WELCOME at Faith! Children are welcome in worship, but if you need it, there is a caregiver in the nursery, just outside 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-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classroom just outside of the sanctuary.

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.

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:

Faith's homebound members and those receiving long-term care.

Our partners in Cuba

All those who suffer from war and disaster.

Undocumented immigrants

Samuel Springer and family on the death of his mother

Sunday Forum: The Forum is taking a break until September. Please plan to join our centering prayer circle on Sundays in August, from 10-10:30am in the chapel with time for silence, prayer, and shared reflection.

The Wednesday Bible Study will take a break for July and August. See you in September!

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.

School supplies are needed for students in the tutoring program of the IOSC. See the list in the News and Notes and bring your donations to the box in the narthex or to the church office.

Turn aluminum cans into support for the children of Kay Papa Nou Orphanage and Unity House. Bring your rinsed aluminum cans to Faith Church and drop them in designated bin in the narthex or in Hyde Hall. The cans are sold as scrap metal and the funds sent to the two children's homes in Haiti. Have something larger made of aluminum? Call David Rawle at 410-382-4571. Questions? Call David or Lori Rawle at 410-980-6561. Your contributions have made a big difference, and the project coordinators are grateful for your ongoing support! Thank you.