



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship April 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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Faith Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 – 10:00am

*The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit

Prelude

Fred Rothert

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Dear friends, God fills every hour with wonder to awaken our curiosity.

And we respond with wonder, love and praise!

In this hour God is able to touch our weakness into strength and our loneliness into community.

And we are blessed by the tie that binds us to one another and to our Lord.

Come, then, let us worship God!

***Hymn**

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

#438

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

Unison Prayer of Adoration and Petition

Eternal and everlasting God, whose goodness weaves through our frail and imperfect lives with traces of unmerited grace and unconditional love, we praise the wonder of Your ways with us. Touch our wounded-ness into wellness, our weakness into strength, and our loneliness into community, until Your story with us becomes our story with You. And to You, O God, be all glory and praise now and always. Amen.

A Litany of Faith

Rev. Dr. David Hodgson – Choir and Congregation

[A liturgical conversation between *Brief Statement of Faith* #473
and *For the Beauty of the Earth*.]

Pastor: For the beauty of the earth;
For the beauty of the skies
For the love that from our birth
Over and around us lies

Congregation: **Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

Pastor: For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower;
Sun and moon and stars of light

Congregation: **Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

Pastor: For the joy of human love;
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild

Congregation: **Lord of all to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

Scripture

John 21:15-26

#109-110 New Testament
Fred Rothert

Hymn

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

**Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me
If He were here:
Scenes by the wayside,
Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus,
Tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children
Stood round his knee,
And I shall fancy his blessing
Resting on me;
Words full of kindness,
Deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light
Of Jesus' face.**

**Into the city I'd follow
The children's band,
Waving a branch of the palm tree
High in my hand;
One of his heralds,
Yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas,
"Jesus is King!"**

Sermon

“The Storyteller”

Rev. Dr. David Hodgson

“But there are also many other things which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.” John 21:25

Choral Anthem “In This Very Room” by R & C Harris

*In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.
And in this very room there is enough joy for all the world.
And in this very room there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to
chase away the gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven.
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Hymn** “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” #421
verses 1,3 & 5

**1The church of Christ in every age,
Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.**

**3 Then let the servant church arise,
A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**5 We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.**

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Postlude

Fred Rothert

Welcome Visitors! Today, Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

Faith Choir will continue through May 5 before taking a summer break.

Maria Sinley will direct and Carol Ryman will accompany for Thursday 3pm rehearsals and the last three Sundays of April. New singers are invited to join in to finish out the season! Many of our choir members and friends remain in the area throughout the summer and will participate in music and ministry in other ways. Fred Rothert and Geni Olson are coordinating special music.

Faith Piecemakers meets Wednesday from 10:00am-1:00pm in the Knox Room. Please come if you have an interest in quilting, even if you have never quilted before. We have folks who would be happy to teach you! In addition, we have a lot of kits made up with everything needed to make a lap quilt, even the pattern. Feel free to stop by and check one out if you want to sew it at home and bring it back when you are done. Contact the church office.

Please keep the Blackmar family in your prayers. Betsy Blackmar passed away at home on Saturday, March 23, 2024. The family will hold a Celebration of Life on June 30, 2024 in Colorado. Condolences may be sent to the family at 917 Tauy Woods, Dr., Baldwin City, KS 66006-7195.

Session decided that worship will be continuing in the Sanctuary this summer.

Faith Church is honored to have again for the second weekend the Rev. Dr. David Hodgson, husband of the Rev. Deanne Hodgson, and father of Keith, Jennifer, and Heather. David's academic and faith journey include Gettysburg College, Princeton Seminary, New College, Edinburgh, Scotland, and San Francisco Seminary. David has served three long pastorates, and has completed twelve interim assignments, and is now having fun discovering the promises, while trying to avoid the perils, of retirement. Welcome David.

Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

PASTORAL STAFF

Greg Emery, Pastor arriving May 1, 2024

MINISTERS All Members

**WELCOMING TEAM
GREETERS** Frank Dias

WELCOME CENTER Barb Clubb, Judy Collins

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FAITH CHURCH — MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)