



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship October 20, 2024

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
October 20, 2024 – 10:00am

**The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

Prelude

“All Creatures of our God and King”
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
“Rejoice the Lord is King”

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word of truth and the lessons that it teaches all Your children. Help us to walk by faith in Christ and not to depend on our own human merit. Keep us from pride. Give us hearts that are humble in spirit and lead us in the path that Jesus has paved for us. Bless our time of worship. Amen.

***Call to Worship (Psalm 150)**

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise him in His mighty firmament!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His surpassing greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with clanging cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn**

"O For a World"

#386

Verses 1, 4 and 5

**O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Your mercy, hear our prayer of confession.

We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely. Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.

We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions.

We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to act in their best interests, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind. Forgive us. Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.

Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to You.

***Declaration of Pardon**

Hear now, O Church, who stand in the gap for the world as representatives of God. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lord touched the unclean

lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do His will, He has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of His Son, Jesus Christ. In Him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In Him, our unkindness in action and in word has been forgiven. Go now in the purity of the King to speak the Gospel through actions of justice, mercy, grace, and love.

Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri**

#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

Choir Anthem: "Amazing Grace"

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-48

Sermon: "Did I hear that right?" Pastor Greg Emery

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.

Special Music: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" Gretchen Dempsey
John Harris & Priscilla Hoskins - singers
Bill Hoskins on steel guitar and Karyn Harris on electric bass

Offertory "Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"

***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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous Father, thank You that all things were created through You and for You, You are before all things, and in You, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that You will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before You now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“To God Be the Glory”

#485

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.**

[Refrain]

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!**

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done.**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

*Benediction

May our love be like salt
that makes life tasty and worthwhile.
May our Christian living be a light
to those who live in darkness.
May our Christian communities
be cities of light to be seen from afar
as signs that God lives and works in His people.
And may God bless you all for this mission:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Postlude** "Lead On, O King Eternal" Gretchen Dempsey

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

A Congregational Election meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, at the end of the worship service.

Thursdays@Faith – "The Arizona Trio" is on Thursday, October 24, 2024.

The Arizona Trio will have you clapping and singing along to their music from the great eras of Roy Rogers, The Everly Brothers and many more. Cut-off for purchasing dinner tickets is 11:00am on Monday, October 21, 2024. Dinner is served at 6:00pm and the program is at 6:30pm. Dinner tickets are \$15. A freewill donation is happily accepted.

The Prayer Warriors Saturday calls will resume in November. Watch for details on dates and the phone number to connect. Please send prayer requests to Susan Edwards via email at susanmichaeleric3@gmail.com.



Pastor Greg,
Thank you for being such a great example of living a life of faith. You are a blessing to our church. Thanks for all the ways you make a difference in our church and community. Thanks for all you do to make our church the encouraging and faith-building place now and into the future!

Focus on Ministry this Sunday – Cards/Sewing/Knitting – Barb Munn will be on hand today as we begin focusing on the individual ministries here at Faith. Look for the table inside the door in Illingworth Hall for information, questions or learn more about Cards/Sewing/Knitting.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired contact information is located in the church directory.

Support Group...– last session on Monday, October 21. Rev. Gloria Sannermark will be facilitating it in the chapel family room on **Monday morning from 10:30am-12:00pm.** COMPANIONS will be a discussion group for members and friends who are grieving or looking for meaning and purpose when our lives have gone in ways, we least expected. **All are welcome!**

Best Library Ever Book Club will be Monday, October 21. “The Wind Knows My Name” by Isabel Allende. Join the group at 10:30am in the library October 21.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Christmas party at Thursdays@Faith a big success. It was so much fun. I cannot begin to appropriately name each one who helped make it work so well but I am extremely grateful. Most of all, the recipients of your love offering will feel the warmth of Jesus at Christmas this year. Children's Cup CarePoint, Guinea Grass, Belize. Whether it be in deeds of service or gifts of finance or donations of time, you cannot out-give God. Be blessed! 🌸 Jean Flower. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38 (KJV)

November Mustard Seed deadline is October 23, 2024. Please submit your info to MaryJo at office@scfaith.org. Thank you.

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!

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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)