



ST. FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Place of Art and Soul

10:00 am Sunday, August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"Who Do You Say That I Am?" Lauren Wright Pittman, digital painting.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

One: In this time and place, we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

Many: **From many places and peoples, we come to this house of prayer.**

THE GREETING*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN* LET MY PEOPLE SEEK THEIR FREEDOM CP#471

THE COLLECT*

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and

the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**If the Lord had not been on our
side, when enemies rose up
against us;**

Then would they have swallowed us
up alive in their fierce anger
toward us;

**Then would the waters have
overwhelmed us and the torrent
gone over us;**

Then would the raging waters have
gone right over us.

**Blessed be the Lord! he has not
given us over to be a prey for
their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; the snare is
broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the Name of the
Lord, the maker of heaven and
earth. Amen.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and

acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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GRADUAL HYMN*

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

CP#527

THE GOSPEL*

MATTHEW 1

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Many: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

One: The Gospel of Christ. **Many: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Adam Yates

Following the sermon, we have a moment for silent reflection and prayer.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

COMMON WORSHIP

Many: We believe in God the Creator, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Redeemer, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with the divine love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

CONFESSION*

One: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to God's table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Many: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

One: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Many: Amen**

THE PEACE

One: May the peace of God be always with you.

Many: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

I AM THE BREAD

CP#56

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS*

One: Let us pray.

Many: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION*

BAS PRAYER 3

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues, until...

One: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

We sing together from the hymnal, #732...

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues, until...

One: Therefore, O God, according to his command,

People: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The celebrant continues, until...

One: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Many: Amen.

One: As Christ teaches us, we pray:

We sing together from the hymnal #744...

Many: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen

THE FRACTION*

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Many: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

One: Behold what you are.

Many: May we become what we receive.

COMMUNION

All who are drawn by Christ are welcome at this table. Gluten-free wafers available on request.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

One: Let us pray.

Many: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: May the God who brings peace, bring peace down upon you, upon this city, and upon this world, and may the blessings of God+ our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.

Many: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

CP#484

DISMISSAL*

One: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Many: Thanks be to God.

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALMS WITHOUT WORDS

During the month of August, St. Faith's will be hosting a student of the UBC Music School in a daily musical exploration of Morning Prayer and especially the Psalms from The Canadian Psalter. *Psalms Without Words*, will be led by Kate Mackin six days a week, Monday-Saturday, at 7:30am and on Sundays at 6:30am. You can learn more about this project on our website.

JARS FOR JAMS

Do you have unused Mason (or other canning) jars at home? As we prepare to make jam for the Christmas sale with all the summer berries that are in season, we are looking for all the canning jars we can get! Check your kitchen cabinets and storage and drop them off at the church during the week or on Sunday morning.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FAITH'S

Monday-Saturday 7:30am Psalms Without Words
Wednesday, August 26 10:30am Bible Study
6:30pm Parish Council
Sunday, August 30 **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
6:30am Psalms Without Words
8am Holy Eucharist, BCP
10am Holy Eucharist
1pm St. Hildegard's Sanctuary



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- * Indicates places where it is appropriate to stand (or kneel), as you are able.
- + Indicates places where it is traditional to cross yourself, should you desire.