

# W CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

2nd Sunday  
of Easter  
April 11, 2021

**Welcome! We are glad you joined us for worship this morning!**

We are thrilled to be back together in the sanctuary! Because we want to help keep everyone safe and well through the pandemic, we are taking extra precautions to prevent the spread of illness in our community:

- \* We ask that everyone wear face masks throughout the worship service.
- \* The pews have been cleaned and disinfected prior to the service and will be cleaned again following the service. For everyone's safety, please only sit in the designated pews.
- \* Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews to avoid spreading germs. The hymns and scripture are printed in the worship bulletin.
- \* Feel free to sing softly with the hymns as long as your mask covers both your nose and mouth.
- \* We will not pass offering plates, but they are available at the exits to receive your offerings. You can also give directly at [www.faithpcusa.org/give](http://www.faithpcusa.org/give).
- \* At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows to allow for safe distancing as we exit. Please remain seated in your pews until the usher indicates it is time for your row to exit.
- \* Upon exiting the sanctuary, please proceed directly outside before pausing to speak with other congregants.
- \* Please refrain from visiting any other parts of the church campus, as only the sanctuary, nursery, and restrooms are currently open.
- \* Don't forget to look for the email on Monday to register to attend next week's service!

Can't make it, but don't want to miss the experience? Join us for virtual worship online! You can watch our service on YouTube, find the weekly bulletin online, and listen to the sermon via your favorite podcast platform or from our website ([www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios](http://www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios)).

Nursery is available for children preschool and younger. Trained nursery staff will greet your little ones with open arms! Every member of our childcare team has passed a background check, received CPR/First Aid certification and completed our children and youth protection training course. If you would like your child (preschool and under) to visit the nursery, please ask an usher for directions to the playground or breezeway.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Trinity Whitley

Prelude

Elevation  
by Alexandre Guilmant

Adam Ravain

\*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Brad Clayton

We gather together to worship God,  
**Who comes to us when we least expect it,**  
Who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives,  
**And invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.**  
**Let's worship God together!**

\*Hymn 463

*How Firm a Foundation*  
*see hymns at back of bulletin*

Call to Confession

Brad Clayton

Prayer of Confession

God,  
We confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. (*Silent reflection*)

God of mercy,  
Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives, to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it. We praise You for Your faithful love. In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri

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.

## Proclamation of the Word

### Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Brad Clayton

*For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

*Guy Montford Peters*

Brad Clayton

Choral Response:

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Trinity Whitley

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### Sermon

Trinity Whitley

## Response to the Word

### Offering

*Communion*

Adam Ravain

by Alexandre Guilmant

*Offerings may be dropped in the offering plates at the exits or made online at [faithpcusa.org/give](http://faithpcusa.org/give).*

### Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Trinity Whitley

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...

Words of Institution

Brad Clayton

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Brad Clayton

**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.**

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Hymn 353

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*  
*see hymns at back of bulletin*

Charge & Benediction

Trinity Whitley

Postlude

*Little Prelude and Fugue in G*  
by J.S. Bach

Adam Ravain

*At the conclusion of the benediction, please remain seated in your pews until an usher directs your row to exit, allowing space to socially distance. Please take your bulletin with you. There are recycle bins at the exits.*

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,  
and Leave Everything Else to God*

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and  
 2 When dark- ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm- ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink- ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink- ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

# Thank you for joining us for worship today!

## Coming up:

(for full details please visit [www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events](http://www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events))

**Virtual Sunday School** for all ages begins each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. High School Sunday School meets at 11:30 a.m. near the fire pit at Faith.

**Summer Mission Blitz.** Throughout the years, Faith has had a history of commitment to God's work near and far. Because of the COVID pandemic, we are doing things differently in 2021. We are unable to travel overseas or even locally, and so we are going "on mission" here in Tallahassee! We are going to participate in building a home with a local resident through Habitat for Humanity. Intergenerational participants, ages 12 and up. Anyone under 16 must have a responsible adult with him/ her. More details and application at [bit.ly/3ssTOCI](http://bit.ly/3ssTOCI).

**Spring Vespers.** Join us on Wednesdays in April for a Vesper service by the fire pit at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a chair or blanket to help with social distancing and wear a mask. This time of worship is appropriate for all ages and lasts around 30 minutes.

**Journey to Jerusalem Activity.** Together Faith journeyed 8,035 miles on our Journey to Jerusalem! That surpasses the goal by almost 2,000 miles. Way to go and keep journeying!

**Preschool Retirement Celebration.** Join us next Sunday, **April 18**, in person or online as we honor the retirement of several of our Preschool staff. Everyone is also invited to participate in a drive-by celebration for them between 2 and 4 p.m. next Sunday!

**Why Do We Need to Address Racism?** It is not too late to join this study series offered on Wednesday nights, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. To register for the series, visit [bit.ly/antiracismstudy](http://bit.ly/antiracismstudy). For more information, contact Ruth Reynolds, 567-9555, [ruthalice@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthalice@hotmail.com), or Anita Parish, 520-0604, [a321nita@comcast.net](mailto:a321nita@comcast.net). There is more information on the website at [www.faithpcusa.org/antiracism](http://www.faithpcusa.org/antiracism).

**Conscious Discipline.** Join us in person or online for the Conscious Discipline Seminar on Tuesday, **April 20**, 6-8 p.m. in the Faith Sanctuary. For more information and/or to register, visit [faithpcusa.org/upcomingevents](http://faithpcusa.org/upcomingevents).

**Community Service of Remembrance.** In remembrance of the lives lost in Leon County to COVID-19, there will be an outdoor Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, **April 28**, at 6:00 p.m. on the north lawn. Guests are invited to bring a chair or ground cover and wear a mask for this socially-distanced service. You are also invited to bring a flower or greenery stem to place in a remembrance circle. We will have luminaries lit beginning April 28 each evening for a week between 6 and 9 p.m. to remember and honor those lives. All are welcome!

**Vacation Bible School.** We are excited to offer VBS **June 21-25** this year. To make that happen we need a lot of supplies. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, see the list at [faithpcusa.org/vbs](http://faithpcusa.org/vbs).

**Graduating?** If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our May 16 Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to [cheri@faithpcusa.org](mailto:cheri@faithpcusa.org) by May 1: name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo.

For more information about Faith Presbyterian Church, visit us online:

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**Stewardship Update**

Budget YTD: \$ 360,301

Received YTD: \$ 348,796

Spent YTD: \$ 301,283

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