



Faith Works

March 16, 2025 + Second Sunday of Lent

The Work of Faith

"The Heart of God"

*Faith that moves mountains, grace that forgives. Peace that calms stormy seas.
Love that brings healing, trust that endures. Truth that can set us free.
Help us embody all that you are, and live lives that reflect your grace.
To walk with the stranger, until we are friends,
And we all find our place, at home in the heart of God.*

*Make us faithful to forgive, when we're wounded by the world.
Peaceful bearers of your grace, help us love as you love.*

Praying the Psalm

Psalm 85:7-13 'Sometimes an Unknown Path' by Jerry Webber

*Give us eyes, Lord, to see the depth of Your love for us,
and grant us the wholeness that is Your salvation.*

*Many important voices vie for our attention day by day.
In the stillness of my heart I will listen to what You say, God.
Your voice speaks to me, "Peace,"
when all the evidence would lead me to fear.
You speak, "Peace," in a full-bodied way
that unites me with friends and strangers,
neighbors and enemies,
until "Peace" is who I am.*

*You have offered peace to any who would open themselves to You,
all who trust that You are bigger than their fear...
peace with You,
peace with others,
peace with the created world,
even peace with our own selves.*

*My desire to do what is right
joins Your generous love.
My desire to offer myself in deep service
joins the deep need of the world for healing.
I will join in Your work of redeeming the world,
a trusting participant in how You are shaping the world,
until the planet knows peace and lives justly.
Then faithfulness will be the soil we walk on
and justice will be the rain that waters us.*

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Contemplating Scripture

James 2:13b-18

Elevate mercy over judgment.

What is the use, my brothers and sisters,

if one says, "I have Faith," but he does not have Works?

How can his Faith enliven him?

And, if a brother or sister might be naked, and lacking the food for today,

and any one of you shall say to them,

"Go in peace, be warm, and be satisfied,"

and does not give to them what is necessary for the body,

what is the use?

Thus, also, the Faith that does not have Works is dead, She being alone.

For a person says, "You have Faith, and I have Works" –

show me your Faith without Works,

and I will show from my Works the Faith.

Meditation

Song of Response

"The Heart You Require"

A Heart of devotion that loves who you are,

Contented to rest in your presence.

A heart of reflection in love with your word,

That's seeking your wisdom and guidance.

A heart full of action that loves as you love,

That selflessly lives out your calling.

Devotion, reflection, and action combined,

This is the heart you require.

To act justly, and love mercy,

And walk humbly with you, God.

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And walk humbly with you, God.

Guided Prayer

Stilling Ourselves

"Listen, Listen"

Listen, listen,

Wait in silence, listening.

For the One from whom all Mercy flows.

Silence

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved, Mercy, Light, or Love.

Moving to the Table

"There Can Be No Greater Love"

There can be no great - er love than to lay down our life for those we

love O Bless the Lord, our

God, whose good - ness a - bounds! O

D.C.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system starts at measure 5 and contains the second line. The third system starts at measure 13 and contains the third line. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, harmonic style. The vocal line is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Receiving Holy Communion

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Receiving a Good Word



Quartet

Krista Renee Pape – Soprano, Carolena Lara – Alto, Dallas Gray – Tenor, Nathan Holmes - Bass

Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House
Courtney Garrison – Ministry Assistant
Peter Johns – Associate Director of Contemplative Worship

Zachary Montasser – Violinist
Rev. Rachel Sciretti – Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. Michael Sciretti, Jr. – Pastor of The Center

Today's Music

'The Heart of God' – Peter Johns, *'The Heart You Require'* – Peter Johns,
'Listen, Listen' – Rajesh David, *'There Can Be No Greater Love'* – Jacques Berthier

For information about The Center for Christian Spirituality and upcoming events, visit:
www.TheCenterFCS.org.

Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.
If you have a prayer request or seeking support, please contact Rachel Sciretti, rscoretti@chapelwood.org.

The Anchor House Hours

Tuesdays – Fridays | Noon - 4pm

The Anchor House is open in the afternoons for you to come and pray, meditate, walk the Labyrinth or just be still. If you would like to request a specific room for spiritual direction, counseling or for your own time of retreat outside of these hours, please let Haley know and we will make sure a room is available for you.

Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

Monday, March 17 | The Anchor House | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | \$20 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Poetry Circle

Tuesday, February 18 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the next meeting of the Poetry Circle with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry, no matter your writing experience level. For more information, contact Mark Jodon at MJodon@littler.com

Faith Works: Contemplative Bible Study in James

Wednesday, March 19 – April 9 | The Anchor House | 11:00 a.m.

Join us in The Anchor House, for a closer look at the New Testament book of James. We will begin with a time of singing and centering before examining the passage, followed by some time spent in small groups reflecting. There is also an optional opportunity for community lunch. Register using the QR Code.



Lent on the Labyrinth

Wednesday, March 19 – April 16 | The Labyrinth | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on the Labyrinth at The Anchor House, Wednesdays before sunset as we journey through Lent. Walking the labyrinth is a way to pray and meditate with your whole being – body, mind, and heart. It's a tangible way to "walk humbly with God", to quiet your mind, and open your heart. You may go at your own pace with materials and prompts available to guide you should you have need. This is a "come and go" offering.

Spring Equinox Experience

Thursday, March 20 | The Labyrinth | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and anyone you might want to bring with you for this event to celebrate the spring equinox. You have a lot of options for this experience. Participants are free to drop-in, come and go, spend the evening in prayer, in creativity or both. There will be time for walking the labyrinth as well as an opportunity for SoulCollage®. Come take a "pause" in your journey with us. There is no fee associated with this event, but registration is preferred so we can have enough supplies prepared.

