

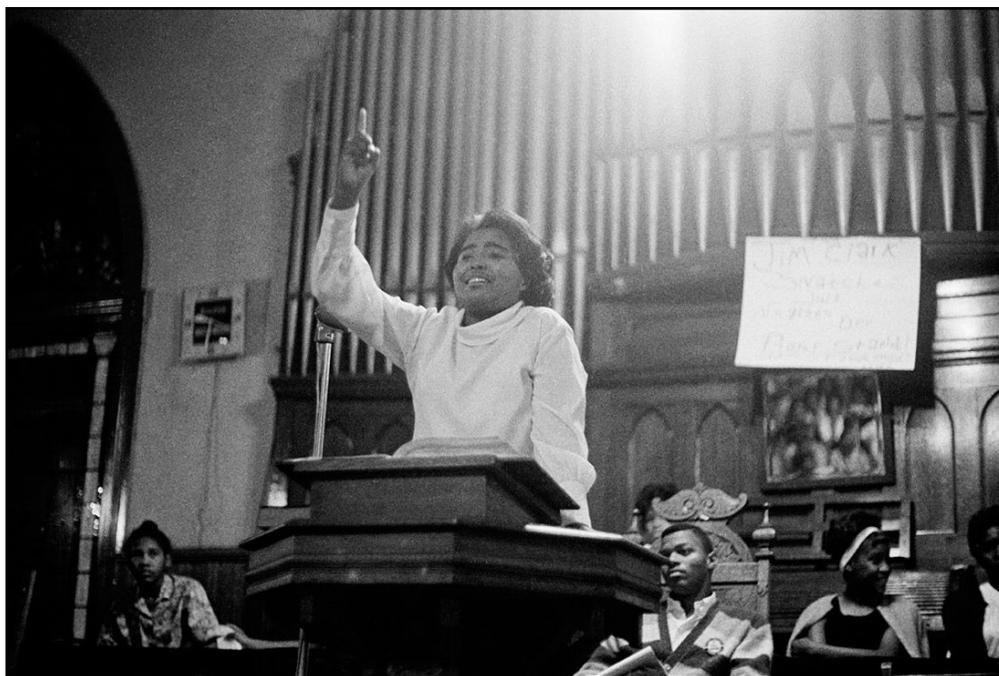
Faith United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

No Matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey,
You are welcome here!

February 10, 2019
Black History Month Celebration

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



Rev. Dr. Prathia Hall, a preacher of the Gospel in the Civil Rights Movement

*stand as you are able

Prelude

"Adoration"

Florence Price

Florence Price (1887-1953) was a pioneering African-American classical composer born in Little Rock, Arkansas

Pastoral Welcome

Come all you who are weary and I will give you rest. - Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Beautiful are the works of God!

People: Beautiful are the skins of God's people!

Beautiful is the mind of God!

Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Beautiful is the heart of God!

Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

God made the heavens and the earth!

To God be the glory for the things God has done.

Adapted, Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Share the Spirit

#62

Text: Vicky Vogel Schmidt, 1987, alt Tune: SHARE THE SPIRIT, irr

Come share the Spirit, moving among us, weaving in and through this place;
Breaking down walls the wall that split and divide, bringing wholeness to embrace.
Come, Living Spirit, bloom in our hearts as when the desert bursts with life;
Take thirsty souls, fill them with your love, and remove all greed and strife.

Come, Rushing Waters, let justice roll like an everflowing stream;
Till the poor find strength as they hear the good news, and the rich adopt new dreams.
Come, Blazing Fire, anoint our tongues with the message of peace;
Till, though blind, we see, and deaf, we hear, and imprisoned, find release.

Come, Gentle Breezes, breath of all loving, given to God's chosen band;
Let us dance and feast with the broken ones, bring compassion to our land.
Come! Lift our hands in joyful applause to the Maker of the earth;
For our Father who lifts us when we fall, and our Mother who gives us birth!

Call to Confession

Faithful God, we thank you that we are known by you.

And you have called us to go into the world to do your work.

Lead us we pray.

You called us to love and be loved as we do justice in your world.

Help us we pray.

We come in humility asking that you will give us courage and wisdom
to become ambassadors of your peace and reconciliation.

Hear us we pray.

We have not always raised our voice to correct wrongs. We have sometimes been complicit in the hurting of our neighbors.

Forgive us we pray.

You made us like you and called us to be unique.

As you look at us you see the same people you created in your image.

Help us we pray.

Help us, Lord, that we may be able to stand up against any injustice.

Hear us we pray.

In the silent peace of this moment, we take this as an opportunity to confess so that our intentions may be clear and our soul may be free. Hear our personal prayers...

Moment of silence

Assurance of God's Grace

L: Jesus loves you!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

(refrain #181)

**P: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ." If you feel more comfortable you are welcome to place our hands on your heart as you greet those around you. This may be a good option for you if you have social anxiety or are more introverted, this is a symbol of goodwill that you may be more comfortable with. Sharing God's peace can be done in many ways!)

A Time for All God's Children

Following the Children's message, the nursery is available for infants and toddlers under 4 years old. The nursery is located through the door at the right front of the sanctuary, and up the stairs. Church school is available for children and youth (4+ years) in Asendorf Hall (3rd floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

Reading of Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4

Anthem

Grant Us Your Peace by Felix Mendelssohn

Luke 4:14-22

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *God's Spirit is Upon Me*

***Hymn**

You are Salt for the Earth, O People

#181

Text: Mary Haugen, 1986, alt. Tune: BRING FORTH, irr, with refrain

1. You are the salt of the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God! **Rf**

Rf

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring for the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! **Rf**

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the City of God!
Seed of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! **Rf**

4. We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God! **Rf**

Prayers of the People

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer. After each expression, the people may respond: *God, hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

Ever loving God, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Organ Improvisation

***Doxology**

P: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

P: All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

We Shall Overcome

#570

Text: United States traditional Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME, irr.

Harmony: J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day:

Rf Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall...overcome.

We'll go hand in hand, ... some day. **Rf**

We are not afraid, ...to day. **Rf**

Our God will see us through, ...some day. **Rf**

The truth shall make us free, ...some day. **Rf**

We shall live in peace, ...some day. **Rf**

***Benediction**

Go in peace and serve God and each other!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Minuet in E-flat Major Ignatius Sancho

Born on a slave ship in 1729, Ignatius Sancho was the first known Briton of African heritage to vote in a British election and an important figure in the British abolitionist movement.

*Our worship is fulfilled, and our purpose is confirmed,
through our service as God's stewards to the world and all creation.*

*Use the blessings God has given you as you share
the joy in your heart, the wisdom in your mind,
the love in your spirit, and the peace in your soul.*

Thank you for sharing sacred fellowship with us.



Welcome to all first-time (and returning) guests to Faith UCC! We would like to get to know you and for you to get to know us. Join us after worship for coffee and **conversation.**

There is free parking on Sundays at the meters and at the McAllister & Pugh Street parking garages – so, we hope you’ll worship with us again next Sunday!

Electronic Giving Options: During the offering time in the service, you may place your offerings on the plates the ushers will bring around. If you prefer to give electronically simply **scan the QR code** with your smartphone to be directed to our online donation page.



February Special Offering

Mid-Penn Legal Services (<http://www.midpenn.org>)



MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality civil legal services to low income residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with “MidPenn” noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

Thank you for your support!

Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.

Get In Touch with Us!

Faith United Church of Christ 300 E. College Avenue State College, PA 16801

Tel: (814) 237-3904 On the Web: www.faithucc.info

facebook.com/SCFaithUCC

Church Office Email: faithuccsc@gmail.com

Pastor email: PastorJesFaithUCC@gmail.com

Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Pastor Jes’ office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement. Please contact the office ahead of visits.

Faith UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through worship and the sharing of God's word. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance of life.

Our Ministry

Ministers — All the Congregation	Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast
Trustee — Tom Daubert	Ushers — Jane Lee Childs, Tom Daubert
Liturgist — Jordan Reed	Fellowship — June Irvin

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier	Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman
Organist—Mark Ferraguto	Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins
	Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (mourning brother Steve), the family of Susie Keck, the family of Bunnie Hartswick, the family of JoAnn Edwards, Allen Killpatrick, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot family.

Please help us keep this list up to date. Notify the office of additions or removals.

*Prayer is the best
wireless connection*