

# *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!

March 10, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



*First Temptation of Christ. Stained glass possibly from the collegiate church of Saint-Etienne. London, Victoria and Albert Museum, C.107-1919. Photograph by Jane Hayward.*

\*stand as you are able

**Prelude**

"Prayer," Op. 47, no. 4

A. Guilmant

**Pastoral Welcome**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the quiet reflection of this season,

**People: to be with the God who brightens  
the shadows of our lives.**

L: We gather in the sanctuary of this place,

**P: to be with Jesus, knowing that nothing  
past, present, or future separates us from Love.**

We gather to be marked as disciples,

**to be fed for the journey through Lent,  
to be sealed by the Spirit as God's own.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Here I am, Lord

**see insert**

### **\*Call to Confession**

Have mercy on us, O Gracious One,

According to your steadfast love;

**According to your abundant kindness.**

**Forgive us where our thoughts and deeds have hurt others.**

Teach us, that we may know our weaknesses,

The shortcomings that bind us.

**Create in us a clean heart, O Merciful One,**

**And put a new and right Spirit within us.**

Enfold us in the arms of love,

And fill us with your Holy Spirit.

**Restore in us the joy of your saving grace,**

**And encourage us with a new spirit. Amen.**

(taken from Psalm 51, *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill)

*Moment of silence*

### **\*Assurance of God's Grace**

The prophet Isaiah says:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,  
 they will not sweep over you.  
 When you walk through the fire,  
 you will not be burned;  
 the flames will not set you ablaze.  
 For I am the Lord your God.  
 Behold, I am doing a bold new thing!

## Thanks be to God!

### \*Sung Response

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call

an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

### \*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 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

## Reading of Scripture

Psalm 91:1-5

Luke 4:1-13

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: Identity Theft**

**\*Hymn**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

**#205**

## Prayers of the People

We invite people to share their joys and/or concerns out loud so we can be praying for each other. We believe that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer.

After each expression, please end your prayer by saying *This is my prayer* and the people may respond: *God, hear our prayer.*

In the strength of the unity of our faith, we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

### 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**

**\*Benediction**

Go in peace and serve God and each other!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Meditation**

"Bedeck Thyself, O Dear Soul"

J. Brahms

*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.*

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

Nursery — Lee Szyrkiewicz

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:**

The family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (loss of brother Steve, and Steve's grandson Christopher Barger), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka, the Piggot family.

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

*O Lord  
Hear our prayers*



**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.



### **March Special Offering**



**One Great Hour**  
OF SHARING

[One Great Hour of Sharing](http://www.onegreathourofsharing.org/)

[http://onegreathourofsharing.org/](http://www.onegreathourofsharing.org/) or

<http://www.ucc.org/oghs>)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org> Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.**

### **Get In Touch with Us!**

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