

# *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!

August 11, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



\*stand as you are able

**Prelude**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Robert Thygerson

**Pastoral Welcome**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God of heaven and earth,

**People: we long to be truly free.**

L: In this hour of worship,

**P: help us to grasp the freedom that comes**

from seeing you more clearly,  
**loving you more dearly,**  
and following you more nearly.  
**Day by day, give us strength and courage**  
**to be your people in this time and in this place. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**#277**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1826; Tune: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861;

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1 Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! Early in the morning we praise your majesty.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly, Casting down their golden crowns around the  
glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only, From the beginning, God eternally.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly, Though the eyes of humankind your  
glory may not see.

You alone are holy, you alone are worthy. Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty! All your works shall praise your name in earth and  
sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Faithful God, you call us to live by faith,**  
**but sometimes we let fear guide us.**

**You say perfect love casts out fear,**  
**so we try to love better and still we struggle.**

**Help us to trust the faith you have given us.**

**Help us to pause from the worries that seek our attention.**

**Forgive us when fear and anger control us.**

**We need your help to live by the faith we profess.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

**\*Promise of New Life**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as  
the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us. - Psalm 103

## **\*Sung Response**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (x2)  
Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still! Let this be our song no one stands alone.  
Standing side-by-side, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

## **\*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 your 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**

[Hebrews 11:1-16](#)

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

## **Turn Toward the Light**

## **\*Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**#292**

Text: Ewin Hatch, 1886; Tune: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1894

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me may glow holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

### **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.*

### **The 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.**

### **Offertory**

Amazing Grace

Early American Melody, arr Tedd Smith

### **Offering**

\*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

**As for us, Holy God, we offer our gifts to bring healing to the broken, hope to those in despair, light to those in shadows, and grace for all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

Be Now My Vision

**#451**

Text: Ancient Irish Text, c 8th Cent. trans Mary E. Byrne, 1903; versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

Tune: SLANE, traditional Irish melody; harmony DAvid Evans, 1927

1 Be now my vision, O God of my heart; Nothing surpasses the love you impart—  
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

2 Be now my wisdom, and be my true word; ever within me, my soul is assured;  
Mother and Father, you are both to me, now and forever, your child will I be.

3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise; you, my inheritance, now and always;  
You and you only are first in my heart, great God, my treasure, may we never part.

4 Sovereign of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

King of Kings

Colin Curtis

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.



**August Special Offering**

**Bethany Children's Home** (<http://www.bethanyhome.org>)

is Pennsylvania's first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010.

Thanks to their Sanctuary® accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.

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

**If you'd like earphones for hearing assistance, please speak with an usher.**

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  
Liturgist — Diane Farley

Pastor - Jes Kast  
Pianist — Barb Chellman

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier  
Organist—Mark Ferraguto

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman  
Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins  
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

***Prayers for healing and wholeness:***

Wayne Bicehouse, the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), the family of Jane Sheckells, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), 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.

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Please contact the office ahead of visits.