

Faith United Church of Christ

*“An inclusive spiritual family shaping a better you for creating a better world.
A place to make a difference.”*

November 11, 2018

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

We are delighted that you are here today! We hope you will find us an affirming, uplifting, and committed family of faith. Here we work to make everyone, without any exceptions, to feel accepted, inspired, and encouraged in their spiritual journey. In dialogue, we seek to understand. In encouragement, we seek to heal. In all things we yearn to live by love, for peace, with joy. This is a place where your intellect will be challenged, your heart will be nurtured, and your spirit refreshed. Varying beliefs are expressed openly and freely, and your doubts will not be suppressed. We trust that we are all, every person and part of creation, continuing to be blessed by God’s grace; and that in community we can help each other to see this grace alive in our lives and relationships. We hope to share our gifts with you, even as we pray that you will want to share your gifts with us. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your life’s journey, we invite you to be a part of our lives and our spiritual home. Welcome!

Settled Pastoral Candidate: Rev Jes Kast

CALLED TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the registration pads at the ends of the pews on the center aisle.
We ask that you please shut off cell phones and practice quietness during the
service.*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the worship
in Romig Hall (lower level of elevator or stairs).*

** = You are invited to stand as you are able*

Prelude

"On the Shores of Babylon"

J. Pachelbel

Welcoming the Light of Love in Our Midst

We prepare ourselves for communing with the sacred as love’s light is brought into our awareness. The light of love burns within and among each of us, and we carry that light into our sanctuary; visually reminding us of the image of the divine that lives in our hearts, minds, and souls – and that we nourish through our faith-filled fellowship.

Affirming God’s Presence in Us All

“You Matter!”

***Centering Our Souls**

We welcome each other into this sanctuary of God. It is good when siblings in Christ dwell together in joyful unity.

In body and soul we belong to our faithful Creator just as we are. We have been called by name and God welcomes us in love and peace.

We welcome familiar faces and those that are new to this church. Christ has welcomed us so we extend a generous welcome to each person through the peace of Christ.

We desire to experience the Holy Spirit this morning. Speak to us in your still speaking presence.

May God fill us with a vision to be doers of the Word. Help us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly in the love of Christ.

Fill us with the warmth of sacred community. Fill us with the strength of the gift of grace that is given to each one of us without question.

The Prophet Isaiah proclaims, "Behold, I am about to do a new thing. Do you not see it?" We ask for God's help and joy as we begin to see the new vision.

We pray for courage because we know the journey is not always easy. Having met the living Christ here in worship we know we will be sustained in our life and service once we leave here today.

In all that we do we give thanks and praise to God whose glory surrounds us even now.

May the glory of God sing a new song into our souls in worship today. Amen.

Our Stories of Random Acts of Kindness & Intentional Deeds of Compassion

WE LISTEN FOR THE SACRED IN THE MIDST OF OUR LIVES

Choral Anthem

It is Well with My Soul

Arr. by Philip P. Bliss

A Time for All God's Children *Making New Friends*

Prayers

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation: The Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer: "Poetic Prayer in the Spirit of Christ"

Loving Spirit, who is here and there,
 we're grateful for your tender care.
 Your virtues rise, your values prized;
 near and far, and everywhere.
 Feed our bodies, and feed our souls.
 And by forgiveness make us whole.
 And may we all evils deplore,
 as we search and sail for mercy's shore.

May peace and love within us rule,
 and justice be your Spirit's tool;
 Now and always, for us and others,
 and for all creation.
 May we make it so, all as one,
 by your inspiration.

***Hymn to Nurture our Souls** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* **#459**

Scripture Lesson Mt 5:1-16

Message "Blessed Are You"

Hymn of Response My Life Flows on in Endless Song **#476**

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE THROUGH FAITHFULNESS

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

"Generosity arises from gratitude like heat arises from fire.

Like fire, gratitude is lovely to see;

but when it warms others with generosity,

that is when it becomes a true blessing."

Offertory "Organ Improvisation"

***Song of Dedication**

Tune: Old Hundredth; p. 7

When we give thanks, then go to sow;

Our blessings are assured to grow.

We are not known by what we keep;

We're known by deeds that others reap.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

We are called to be generous people, always building up the Body of Christ. Jesus called us by name and blessed us and sent us to bless others. Help us to bring kindness and healing to each other. Help us to share the abundance of our hope and our gifts with our community. In action and in word, give us direction in caring for the lonely, the brokenhearted, and the oppressed. Let these gifts we offer today strengthen our calling. Let these gifts guide our good hopes for the Future. Let these gifts bless our witness of the love Jesus Christ. May it be so.

***Encouragement for the Journey**

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor

J. Pachelbel

***The Light of Love Goes into the World**

Love's light is not extinguished from our worship, but is transferred from the flame of the candles to the passion in our hearts that we may go forth to let the light of love shine through us as we go to serve in the world!

WE GO FORTH AS PEACEMAKERS
TO CREATE JUSTICE FOR ALL

*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.

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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.



November Special Offering

Lancaster Seminary (UCC) (<https://lancasterseminary.edu/>) a graduate school affiliated with the United Church of Christ, is known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues important to our world. Our mission is to educate and nurture leaders to join in God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish.



- **Nov 12** **Camp Kesem Pasta Dinner 5-8 PM**
Consistory, 5:30 PM
- **Nov 18** **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Thanksgiving Meal After Service
- **Nov 22** **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Nov 24** **Maryland, Time TBA**
- **Nov 25** **Reign Of Christ**

Get In Touch with Us!

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Pastor Bret's Office Hours: Tuesday 5-8 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 2-4 p.m.
or other hours by appointment.

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 — Matthew Haines

Interim Pastor — Rev. Bret Myers
Fellowship — The Church

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:

Allen Killpatrick, Bunnie Hartswick (hospice), Jo Ann Edwards, K. Thompson, June Irvin, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Susie Keck, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot's family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew).

*God Answers
Knee Mail*

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



Flowers are given to welcome Pastor Jes
& thank the members of the Search Team for their service.