

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!

January 15, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

First Sunday After the Epiphany



*stand as you are able

Prelude

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

J. S. Bach

Pastoral Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: In the times of trouble and worry,

People: when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

L: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

P: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

L: And God found me and brought me home.

P: When my life was filled with joy and blessing,

I danced and praised God.

And God danced and rejoiced with me.

Therefore I shall not be afraid,

For the Lord our God is with each one of us everyday.

***Opening Hymn**

Arise, Your Light is Come

#164

***Prayer of Confession**

Dear God-

Sometimes I feel lost.

Sometimes I doubt my value.

Sometimes I boast with pride.

Sometimes I am selfish.

It is not always easy to do the right thing.

Forgive me when I have only considered myself and not others.

Forgive me when I have forgotten how much I matter.

Let your light of grace warm my soul and fill me with your compassion again.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

In Christ, God has given you a new Light, kindling unconditional love for you, and showing you a well lit path. Live at peace and know you are forgiven in the name of the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response

Hymn #772 - Sing twice through

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting. (x2)

God alone fills us.

***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 (3rd floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

Scripture

Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Special Music

Sermon A Pastor and a Rabbi: Confession and Reconciliation

***Sermon Hymn** Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? **#539**

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 with: **God, hear our prayers.**

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

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**

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a confusing world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by pain, loneliness, and sorrow. Accept our offering as we shine our lights from our hearts of gratitude of grace. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

You are Salt for the Earth, O People

#181

*Blessing

Postlude

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

J. Pachelbel

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.



January Special Offerings



Centre Safe, formerly the Centre County Women's Resource Center, provides services for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Center Safe" noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

Learn more at: <http://ccwrc.org/>

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
Trustee — Tom Daubert

Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast
Usher — Jane Lee Childs, Tom Daubert

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 Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), 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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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.

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Prayer of Confession by Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, wonderings through life and other such nonsense.