

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!

May 12, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Eastertide



"Healing of the Cripple and Raising of Tabitha", Masolino da Panicale, 15th Century

*stand as you are able

Prelude

"A Mighty Fortress"

J. G. Walther

Pastoral Welcome

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth,

Guide us as we pray,

To think and wish and praise the best,

And mean the words we say.

Here in this holy sanctuary,

Still is this place of prayer;

Silent, we bow our heads and feel

Your presence everywhere.

-from Children Worship

***Opening Hymn**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

#73

***Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we are to pray, always willing to give more than we either desire or deserve; pour upon us the abundance of your mercy; forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Begotten One, our Sovereign. Amen.

Moment of silent reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Life is stronger than death, love is greater than fear, and grace is more wonderful than division. We are promised new life and God's mercy is new to us this joyous day.

Thanks be to God!

***Sung Response**

De colores (Sing of Colors)

#402 (vs 2)

Sing, rejoicing!

Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.

Sing, rejoicing!

Sing to God Who so earnestly care, Who has offered salvation.

Sing the good news!

Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.

Many colors that shine from God's face,

many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

Many colors that shine from God's face,

many colors that tell us God's love to recall.

***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.

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 100:1-5

Acts 9:36-43

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Sermon: Garments of Good Works

***Hymn Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us**

#583

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

*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 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#77

*Blessing

Postlude Short Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach

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.



May Special Offering



Hartman Center is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964. Programming includes retreats, conferences, workshops, dinner meetings, summer camps, and other events. Hartman

Center is located about 20 miles southeast of State College on old Rte. 322 in Milroy PA. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial donations!

<https://www.hartmancenter.com/>

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
Liturgist — Clif Merchant

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

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:

The family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, 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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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.

Altar Flowers in honor of all mothers
Martha Thompson



