

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!

July 14, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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*stand as you are able

Prelude

Allegro moderato

Arthur Page

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: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

People: Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

L: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

**P: Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are
and who we could be.**

L: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

P: Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with every single person, even people we do not know or care about.

***Opening Hymn**

Lord of the Dance

see insert

***Prayer of Confession**

Creating God, with a Word you created the world and you called this world good. In our own words and actions we have the power to create and destroy. Forgive us when we create chaos instead of peace, apathy instead of courage, and bitterness instead of beauty. In your creative image we were made. Forgive us when we don't honor that image in each person and tear down instead of build up. We need your grace.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Come and hear what God does! Our God sings peace to us.

Come and see what God does! Our God forgives us!

Come and do what God does! Our God sends us forth to serve others.

We will not grow weary in doing what is right, in working for justice.

We will not grow weary in doing what is good, in caring for others.

We will not grow weary in doing what God does, in sharing mercy with all.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 1:1, 6-24

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

God is an Artist

***Hymn**

Be Now My Vision

#451

Text: Ancient Irish text, c. 8th Cent; Mary E Byrne, 1905; versified, Eleanor H Hull, 1912, adapted.

Tune: SLANE, traditional Irish melody; harmonization, David Evans, 1927

1 Be now my vision, O God of my hear; 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;
You and you only are first in my heart, now and forever your child I will 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.

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** We are Marching in the Light of God

#526

Text: South African freedom song, tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984;

Tune: SIYAHAMBA, South African song

1 We are marching* in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

* 2 Singing, 3 Praying, 4 Dancing

***Blessing**

Postlude

Postlude in A Major

Caleb Simper

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.



July Special Offering



OOTC³ is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in February 2011 by the Community Safety Net (CSN) which serves residents of Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The mission of Out of the Cold: Centre County (OOTC³) is to provide the homeless in our community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere as a supplemental option to locally established shelters. <http://www.ootc3.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
Liturgist — April Myers

Pastor - Jes Kast
Fellowship — Sue Doran

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:

Edna Bicehouse, the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), Don Asendorf, the family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, 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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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.