

# *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!

June 16, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

## **First Sunday after Pentecost**



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\*stand as you are able

### **Prelude**

### **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 delight who calls our names with love,

**People: your Holy Spirit sings your Word into our lives.**

At the crossroads of humanity and divinity you meet us.

**When we eat, you are there.**

When we sleep, you are there.

**P: In our most lonely moments, the Holy Spirit is right beside us.**

L: In our happiest of days, you celebrate with us.

**When we journey the road of doubt, you are curious with us.**

When we are upset and disappointed, you are with us.

**The Holy Spirit is the gift Christ has given us.**

Even now we hear you calling our name,

**“Beloved, I love you.”**

You are indeed, here.

**Holy Spirit, come and fill our lives.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

This is the Day

**#84**

Text & Tune: Les Garret (alt: 1977)

1 This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

2 This is the day, this is the day that Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that Jesus rose again. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

3 This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day when the Spirit came. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, forgive when we exalt ourselves  
and mock the humble.**

**We choose to believe we are self-sufficient  
rather than trust in your strength.**

**Open us to your Spirit,  
That we might serve all people  
Without regard to the outcome,  
Devoting ourselves to your honor alone.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **\*Promise of New Life**

L: Hear the good news for us. God pours the Spirit upon us - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace.

**P: Thanks be to God! The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, and fills us with hope. We are forgiven and made new. 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.

### **\*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**

Psalm 104:24-34

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Who is the Holy Spirit?

**\*Hymn**

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

**#270**

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr, 1982; Tune: Peter Cutts, 1969

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: **Rf**

**Rf**

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,  
To the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: **Rf**

3 With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: **Rf**

**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**

Holy, Holy, Holy

#277

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

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

**\*Blessing****Postlude**

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.



### June Special Offering



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Strengthen the Church (UCC) The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its

commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. <http://www.ucc.org/stc>

**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

Nursery — Lois Bair, Jean Frank

Pastor - Jes Kast

Fellowship — June Irvin

### 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 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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Please contact the office ahead of visits.