

# *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!

February 17, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



## *Living On a Prayer*

\*stand as you are able

**Prelude** "Now pray we to the Holy Spirit," BuxWV 208

D. Buxtehude

### **Pastoral Welcome**

Come all you who are weary and I will give you rest. - Jesus

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed are those who trust - in God!

**People: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.**

Blessed are those who hope - in God!

**We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.**

Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!

**We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

All Are Welcome

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**\*Call to Confession**

Help us, O God our Savior;

**Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Look upon your congregation;

**Give to your people the blessing of peace;**

Declare your glory among the nations;

**And your wonders among all peoples.**

Let not the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**Never forget the lives of the poor.**

Continue your lovingkindness to us;

**And your favor to those who seek your love.**

Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning;

**So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

-Standing Liturgical Commission

*Moment of silence*

**\*Assurance of God's Grace**

L: One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

-Women and Worship

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Sung Response**

(refrain #181)

**P: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

**\*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 our 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!)



## **Prayers of the People**

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer. After each expression, the people may respond: *God, hear our prayer.*

**God, bless your church in this place:  
this company gathered in faith,  
these living stones shaped by love,  
arched in hope's aspirations.**

**God, bless your church in this place.  
Gift of revered generations,  
rainbow of your family,  
poised for your glory yet unknown.**

**God, bless Your church in this place.**

-Written by Reverend Ernie Hawk, 2003 for Faith UCC

(A moment of silence for personal prayers)

In the strength of the unity of our faith, we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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**

**Offertory**            Organ Improvisation

### **\*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**

**Open our ears to the struggles around us;  
open our voices to speak out for justice;  
open our hearts to welcome the forgotten;  
open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**      In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs. 1-4)  
William W Reid, Jr, 1976; Tune: WYLAND (Finnish hymn melody)

**#391**

1 In the midst of new dimension, in the face of changing ways,  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?      **Rf**

**Rf**  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2 Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?      **Rf**

3 As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.      **Rf**

4 We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.      **Rf**

**\*Benediction**

Go in peace and serve God and each other!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**      "Now praise my soul the Lord," BuxWV 214      D. Buxtehude

*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.



### February Special Offering

**Mid-Penn Legal Services** (<http://www.midpenn.org>)



MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality civil legal services to low income residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with “MidPenn” noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

Thank you for your support!

**Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.**

### Get In Touch with Us!

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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    Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast  
Ushers — Jane Lee Childs              Liturgist — Jessy Defenderfer

### 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 Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (mourning brother Steve), the family of Susie Keck, the family of Bunnie Hartswick, the family of JoAnn Edwards, Jane Sheckells, 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.

*Prayer is the best  
wireless connection*