

# *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!

March 17, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



Shiphrah and Puah, Leigh Russell Memorial Panel,  
All Hallows' Church, Leeds

\*stand as you are able

**Prelude**

"Attende domine"

Jeanne Demessieux

**Pastoral Welcome**

This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! - Psalm 118:24

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We worship today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity.

**People: Through the strength of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we gather in prayer.**

L: Christ with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,

**P: Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us.**

Christ in the mouth of every person who speaks,

**Christ in the heart of everyone we meet.**

Through the Holy Spirit and in the Creator who has called us by name.

**We come seeking the presence of God to renew us and transform us to be the living presence of Christ to all we might.**

*-Inspired by the Prayer of St. Patrick*

**\*Opening Hymn**

All Are Welcome

**see insert**

**\*Call to Confession**

**Move in us, God our Creator, to have a transformed heart this Lenten season. Awaken us from apathy and sing a new song of hope in our soul. Help us to be a little more courageous in seeking justice when evil prevails. Cleanse us and renew us. By your grace help us to live with the compassion that we know Jesus taught. We know you are making all things new which includes our very lives. Help us to trust you.**

*Moment of silence*

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

The prophet Isaiah says:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
you will not be burned;  
the flames will not set you ablaze.  
For I am the Lord your God.  
Behold, I am doing a bold new thing!

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Sung Response

Em C6 D G/B C

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call

5 Am6 B Em C6 D G6 Am B Em

an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call". The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef, with the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O".

## \*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!)

## 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

Exodus 1:8-22

**Anthem** God is Seen by Alice Parker

Exodus 2:1-10

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** Nevertheless, The Persisted

**\*Hymn** I Heard My Mother Say

**#409**

1 I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
I heard my mother say,  
"Give me Jesus"

**Rf**

**Rf**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world,  
give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world,  
give me Jesus.

2 At midnight was my cry,  
at midnight was my cry,  
at midnight was my cry,  
"Give me Jesus."

**Rf**

3 Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus.

**Rf**

4 In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

**Rf**

### **Blessing the Out of the Cold Volunteers**

Oh God of endless goodness,  
day after day, we feast in your grace  
among friends, family and strangers.

Thank You for your people, Oh God,  
who give of themselves so freely.  
Your people who create a gentle and beautiful  
web around our community to care for the greatest needs.

**We bless these, your servants,**

**Who have cared for The Out of the Cold Ministry.**

**The last two weeks our house of worship has become a home.**

**We thank you for opening our hearts and our doors to care for those in need.**

We bless your servants for their time,

**Their food,**

Their caring hearts,

**Their financial support,**

Their long nights,

**Their organization,**

Their ways of loving others as Jesus loved us.

**We know being the church takes all of us, so we bless each other.**

May the witness of each of us

Be a light shining in the shadows of this world.

**Bless us, your church, help us to open our doors widely**

**So that all may find shelter in the sanctuary of your grace. Amen.**

## **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**

**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

**Giver of all good things,**

**let your grace flow through us;**

**a generous stream,**

**unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.**

**We release these gifts into your river of love,**

flowing out to all the world to do justice and to offer mercy. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**

Great is Your Faithfulness

**#423**

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

**Rf**

**Rf**

Great is your faithfulness!  
Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Rf**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

**Rf**

**\*Benediction**

**May the road rise up to meet you.**  
May the wind always be at your back.  
**May the sun shine warm upon your face,**  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
**And until we meet again,**  
**May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

*-Traditional Irish Blessing*

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

**Closing Meditation**

“Ah Lord, poor sinner that I am”

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.



### March Special Offering



**One Great Hour**  
OF SHARING

[One Great Hour of Sharing](http://www.onegreathourofsharing.org/)

[http://onegreathourofsharing.org/](http://www.onegreathourofsharing.org/) or

<http://www.ucc.org/oghs>)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org> Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

### Get In Touch with Us!

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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement. Please contact the office ahead of visits.

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  
Liturgist — Stephanie Madden    Fellowship — Jane Lee Childs  
Nursery — Jean Frank

#### 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 (loss of brother Steve, and Steve's grandson Christopher Barger), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, 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.

*O Lord  
Hear our prayers*