

# *Faith United Church of Christ*

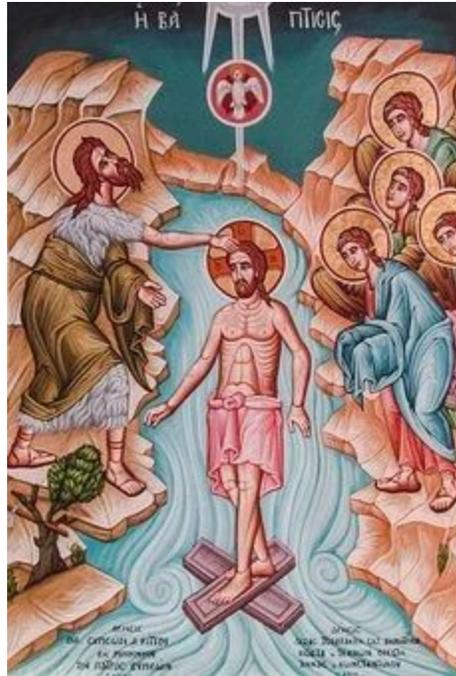
An Open and Affirming Congregation

No Matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey,  
You are welcome here!

January 19, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

## **Baptism of the Lord**



\*stand as you are able

**Prelude** "To the Jordan Came Christ Our Lord" J. Pachelbel

### **Pastoral Welcome**

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest -Jesus

### **Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us by name into this holy sanctuary.

You are God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use you to change the world.

**People: I am God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world!**

L: You belong, in body and soul, to our faithful God.

**P: I am God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world**

The waters of baptism have claimed you as God's very own. Therefore, come into God's presence ready to receive God's love for you.

**I am God's child, deserving of love and respect, and God will use me to change the world**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

**#277**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of holy water: How quickly we forget that the waters of baptism are stronger than the worries of this world. We feed our egos with foolish things that cover up how we really feel inside. The voices in our hearts tempt us with self-doubt or images of grandeur. We confess that too quickly we forget that grace has called us by name and the holy water has called us the most important name of all: a child of God. Holy Spirit, help us to believe we are loved and to live at peace with ourselves and others.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

**\*Promise of New Life**

In Christ, God has given you a new Light, kindling unconditional love for you, and showing you a well lit path. Live at peace and know you are forgiven in the name of the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Sung Response**

*Hymn #772 - Sing twice through*

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting. (x2)

God alone fills us.

**\*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.

### Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Anthem

Child of God

Sermon

You are a Child of God

\*Sermon Hymn

Child of God

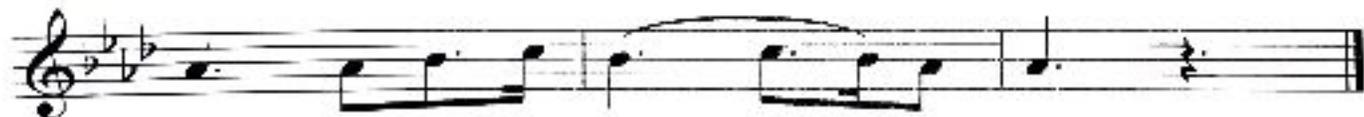
## Child of God



1. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,  
2. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,  
3. No mat - ter what the world says,  
4. No mat - ter what the church says, de -



say or think a bout me, I am a  
say or think a - bout you, you are a  
says or thinks a bout me, I am a  
ci - sions, pro-nounce-ments on you. you are a



child, I am a child \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
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## **Litany of Blessing Out of the Cold Volunteers**

L: God we long for the day when everyone will have a home and housing scarcity will be no more. Until that day, the book of James calls us to live our faith in good works. Not that good works save us, but our faith is living by the goodness we bring to our community. Today we bless the good works of the many people who helped, and are helping, with Out of the Cold Ministry here in our town.

L: For every person who helped set up cots and organize the shelter in our fellowship hall.

**P: Bless each person and the service of creating a home in church.**

For every person who made a hot meal, served food, and organized the kitchen.

**Bless each person for their gifts of food and nourishment.**

For every person who stayed overnight and offered their ministry of presence.

**Bless each person for the gift of time and presence.**

For every person who gave financially to ensure heat was on, the showers were able to be used, and the very structure of our church was in good condition.

**Bless those who gave of their means in service to the physical structure of our ministry.**

For every person who prayed, encouraged, and opened their hearts.

**Bless the willingness to be of service.**

We thank God for each person who served with the Out of the Cold Ministry.

**We know that it takes all of us to be the Body of Christ in service to each other.**

We ask for a special blessing upon each recipient of this ministry.

**May your love bring healing and a safe home to each person in need, through Jesus who taught us to serve, 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 with: **God, hear our prayers.**

## **The 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.**

### **Offertory**

### **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**

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a confusing world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by pain, loneliness, and sorrow. Accept our offering as we shine our lights from our hearts of gratitude of grace. Amen.**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

O for a World

**#575**

#### **\*Blessing**

#### **Postlude**

Fantasy in C Major

G. P.

Telemann

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.



### January Special Offerings



**Centre Safe** provides services for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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

Learn more at: <http://ccwrc.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      Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast  
Liturgist - Lee Szymkiewicz and Amelia Zobrist  
Trustee —                                      Usher — Kees Brandse, Jane Lee Childs

#### 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 Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), 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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