

# *Faith United Church of Christ*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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You are welcome here!

March 1, 2020

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

## αλληλων One Another

\*stand as you are able

### **Prelude**

"From God I Will Not Stray"

J. Krebs

### **Pastoral Welcome**

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### **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

**People: We follow our faithful God.**

L: These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

**P: We follow our faithful God.**

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

**We follow our faithful God.**

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

**We follow our faithful God.**

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

**We follow our faithful Lord.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

Over My Head

**#514**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

For the ways we have hurt one another, even unintentionally,

**In your mercy, Oh Christ, forgive us.**

For the ways we have chosen temptations and hurt ourselves,

**P: In your mercy, Oh Christ, heal us.**

L: For the ways we have sought our own will instead of seeking You,

**In your mercy, Oh Christ, gently guide us.**

For the ways we have not understood our privileges,

**In your mercy, Oh Christ, humble us.**

Create in us a clean heart, Oh God,

**And renew a right spirit within our souls.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

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

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way through any confusion in our life. God's love always provides an open path back to God in the mercy of Jesus who died and rose from the grave. Live as renewed people this week through the Spirit's power.

### **\*Sung Response**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

### **\*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 6:5-15

James 5:16

### **Anthem**

Down to the River to Pray *with* Lord, Listen to Your Children

By Ken Medema and Mary McDonald

**Sermon Pray for One Another**

**\*Sermon Hymn** Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire vss 1, 2, 4

**#508**

**Prayers of the People**

*In order to practice praying for one another today we will turn toward our neighbors and pray for one another in our sanctuary. We will introduce ourselves and take a moment to share our prayers and praises and then pray for one another. At the conclusion of our prayers we will sing the following Taize chant two times through:*

*O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Come and listen to me.*

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Pastoral Invitation**

There is a place for each of us at the banqueting feast of Christ's grace. Each of us are invited to the joy of God's love and the meal is a feast before us.

**Hymn**

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

**#342**

May the God of Lent be with you.

**And also with you.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who calls us 'Beloved.'**

Beloved of God, give thanks and praise to the One who loves you forever.

**We sing our hymns of joy to the One who leads us into the kingdom.**

It is right and good to sing our hymns of joy. You have given us life and your Spirit has called us together to feast in unity. In this season of Lent, our songs of praise lead us to sing of your grace pointing us toward the cross and resurrection.

Therefore, with all the company of heaven and earth, we sing your praises.

All: (singing) (#277, stanza 1)

**Holy, holy holy, God the Almighty!**

**All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

### **Words of Institution**

L: On the night he was betrayed...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit, bless these gifts. Take these grapes and take this wheat, may they nourish us in body and soul for the days to come. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come now, for all things are ready.

(Instructions: The ushers will serve communion to you in your seats. Please hold onto the elements until all are served so that we may feast together.)

Having been nourished by God's sustaining spirit we join together in the unity of our faith praying for one another the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **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.**





**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/)

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<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 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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 — Carter Greenspan  
Usher — Kees Brandse  
Communion Prep: Kees Brandse  
Communion Servers: Tina Aumiller, June Irvin, Kay & Vaughn Shirk

#### Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier  
Organist—Mark Ferraguto  
Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman  
Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins  
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

#### ***Prayers for healing and wholeness:***

Jane DeBarber, Micah Plggott, the family of Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka.

Please help us keep this list up to date. Notify the office of additions or removals.

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