

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!

August 18, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude "Glory and Praise be to the Highest Good, the Father of all good" J. Krebs

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: We gather together in the name of the One who bids us welcome.

People: We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.

L: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

P: Come, let us worship!

***Opening Hymn** All Things Bright and Beautiful
Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; Tune: ROYAL OAK, Martin Shaw, 1915

#31

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

2 The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky.

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

***Prayer of Confession**

L: O God of peace,
you know us from before we had our first breath.
Forgive us when we only have good intentions
and do not commit ourselves to concrete actions for peace and justice.

P: Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of justice,
you judge our human race with mercy.
Forgive us when we allow your image in us to be marred
as we remain passive in the face of so much violence and exclusion.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

O God of love,
you have created humankind to be one great family.
Forgive our inability to be reconciled with others,
both our dear ones and our enemies.
Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

L: O God of grace,
you have given us the gift of speech to be an instrument for change.
Forgive us for the times when we have spoken too hastily
without thinking of the consequences,
or have remained silent out of fear or indifference.

P: Grant that our actions and our words may always promote peace.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace we have been saved and our sins forgiven.

**Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.**

Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - Jesus

***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. Draw the circle, 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 (3rd floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

Philippians 4:4-9

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon It Is Well with My Soul

***Hymn When Peace, Like a River**

#438

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip Bliss, 1876 (worship minister for DL Moody)

1 When peace like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot lot, you have taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Rf

Rf

It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,
let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has paid life and blood for my soul.

Rf

3 My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—my sin,
not in part, but the whole—
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Rf

4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light,
when clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall appear,
“Even so”—it is well with my soul.

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.*

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.



August Special Offering

Bethany Children's Home (<http://www.bethanyhome.org>)

is Pennsylvania's first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010.

Thanks to their Sanctuary® accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.

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 — Cyndi Vincenti

Pastor - Jes Kast
Trustee — Larry Bair

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:

Wayne Bicehouse, the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), the family of Jane Sheckells, 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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Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.