

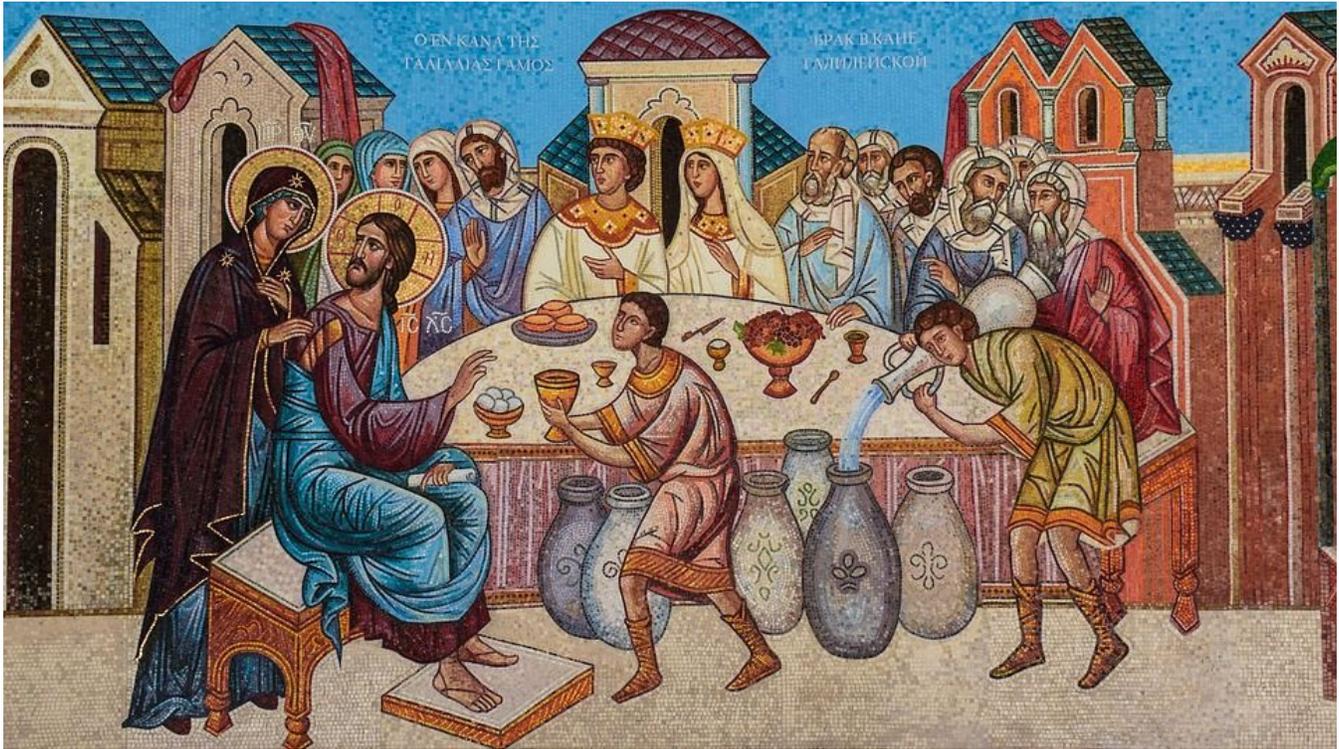
# *Faith United Church of Christ*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

January 20, 2018

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



Wedding at Cana (Photo: [dimitrisvestikas1969](https://www.flickr.com/photos/dimitrisvestikas1969/), June 17, 2017, CC.0 License)

**Prelude**  
Fifield

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach, arr. F.

## **Pastoral Welcome**

Here in this place the light of God is shining. God’s light gladdens the heart and grants us joy. No trouble is too great for God. Come into this sanctuary of light and find rest for your journey. The light of God is here and your path will be clearer. We know that God is with us each step of the way. Come into the light for there is no shame, and no fear, for God’s light is love and grace is God’s rule.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the registration pads at the ends of the pews on the center aisle.

We ask that you please shut off cell phones  
and practice quietness during the service.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the worship  
in Romig Hall (lower level of elevator or stairs).

\* = You are invited to stand as you are able

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: We prepare our hearts and minds, Extravagant God, as people in need of your steadfast love.

**People: With you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.**

L: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs and miracles.

**P: With you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.**

L: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who call on the life-giving name of Jesus.

**P: With you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.**

## **\*Opening Hymn**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

**#73**

Title: Enter Rejoice, and Come In Composer: Louise Respini

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1 Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

4 Don't be afraid of some change.

Don't be afraid of some change.

Today will be a joyful day;

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

2 Open your ears to the song.

Open your ears to the song.

Today will be a joyful day;

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

5 Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

Today will be a joyful day;

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

3 Open your hearts ev'ryone.

Open your hearts ev'ryone.

Today will be a joyful day;

Enter, rejoice, and come in.

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

**God, our Enduring Joy, In you we find our refuge. In the shelter of your compassion, we are made whole; in the abundance of your grace, we are fed; in the depths of your living waters, we are transfigured into new people. We ask that you fill our lives to the brim so that our hearts overflow with your spirit and our lives are poured out for others. We need your strength and seek your grace to be renewed and restored to joyous and just living. Help us we pray.**

Moment of silent reflection

## **\*Assurance of God's Love**

### **\*Sung Response**

(refrain #181)

**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**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**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 are sick and prefer not to spread your germs you can place your hands over your heart and welcome people as a peace offering.)

## **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**

Psalm 36:5-10

### **Anthem**

Sing to the Lord by Dale Peterson

John 2:1-11

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon:**

*Saving the best for last!*

### **\*Hymn**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

**#593**

Songwriters: J. Rosamond Johnson / Weldon Johnson James

Lift Every Voice and Sing lyrics © Edward B Marks Music Company, Marks Edward B. Music Corp., Glorysound A Div. Of Shawnee Press Inc.

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise,  
high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea

sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet,  
come to the place on which our fathers sighed?  
we have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
God who has brought us thus far on the way;  
God, who by your might,  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray  
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you,  
shadowed beneath the hand,  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God,  
True to our native land.

## **Offering**

### **\*Doxology**

**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.**



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 Offering



**Centre Safe**, formerly the Centre County Women's Resource Center, 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.**

### Get In Touch with Us!

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Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM      **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
**(NOTE CHANGE!)**

Pastor Jes' Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm or other hours by appointment.

Note that Pastor Jes also has Listening Cafe hours:

Wednesday, January 23, 3:30-5 PM @Webster's Bookstore  
Monday, January 28, 9-10:30 AM @Panera, corner of Beaver and Allen

*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.*

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

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:***

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, Allen Killpatrick, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot's family.

*Prayer is the best  
wireless connection*

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