

Faith United Church of Christ

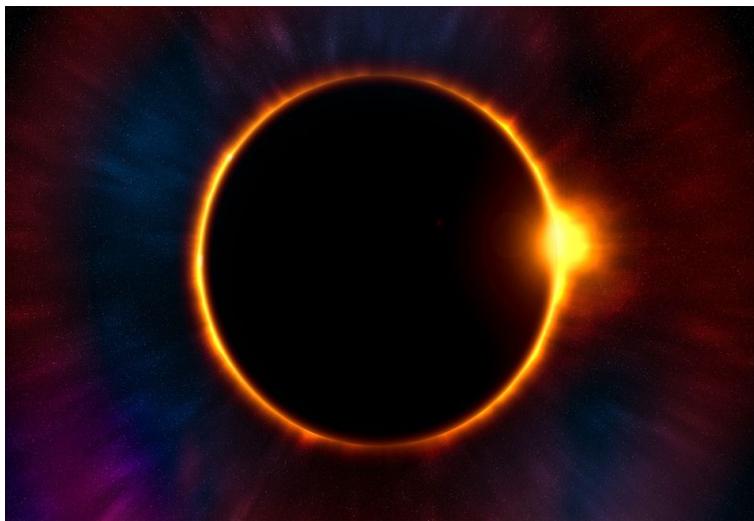
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

July 21, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude

Canzona

D. Buxtehude

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 come to make a joyful noise to you, O God!

**People: We join with those in urban centers,
in rural communities, in suburbs, in praising your name!**

L: We come to follow you, Jesus our Brother!

**P: We have no expectations, no reservations,
nothing to hold us back, our lives open to your call!**

L: We come to listen to your voice, Holy Spirit!

**P: We will pay attention to your words of peace;
we will plant the seeds of grace you offer to us**

***Opening Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

see insert

***Prayer of Confession**

Redeeming God, how easily we say we would follow you, but how often we live as if we don't have a clue as to what that means. We choose to gossip about our friends, rather than surrounding them with love. Our competitive nature wills us to win at all costs, when we could be engaged in costly service. We expect others to do for us and rarely ask what we might do for them.

Forgive us, High and Holy One. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit the Spirit offers to us; put us on the path of faithful discipleship, as we walk with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Come and hear what God does! Our God sings peace to us.

Come and see what God does! Our God forgives us!.

Come and do what God does! Our God sends us forth to serve others.

We will not grow weary in doing what is right, in working for justice.

We will not grow weary in doing what is good, in caring for others.

We will not grow weary in doing what God does, in sharing mercy with all.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

***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

Amos 8:1-12

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

[A Prophet Speaks to the Nation](#)

***Hymn**

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

#459

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Tune: NETTLETON, 1813

1 Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

2 Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've known.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

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

*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

As for us, Holy God, we offer our gifts to bring healing to the broken, hope to those in despair, light to those in shadows, and grace for all your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

O for A World

#575

Text: Miriam Therese Winter; Tune: AZMON, Carl G. Glässer, adapt. Lowell Mason

1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That open us to unity and gives our vision voice.

4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones become wise,
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes arise.

5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*Blessing

Postlude

Voluntary in D Major

W. Selby

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.



July Special Offering



OOTC³ is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in February 2011 by the Community Safety Net (CSN) which serves residents of Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The mission of Out of the Cold: Centre County (OOTC³) is to provide the homeless in our community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere as a supplemental option to locally established shelters.

<http://www.ootc3.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.

Some of the liturgy is inspired by www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com.

Our Ministry

Ministers — All the Congregation
Liturgist — Jim Welsh

Guest Preacher - Tom Poole
Fellowship — June Irvin

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier
Organist—Mark Ferraguto
Pastor - Jes Kast

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman
Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Ilene Maharg, Edna 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.

Get In Touch with Us!

Faith United Church of Christ
Tel: (814) 237-3904

300 E. College Avenue State College, PA 16801

On the Web: www.faithucc.info [facebook.com/SCFaithUCC](https://www.facebook.com/SCFaithUCC)

Church Office Email: faithuccsc@gmail.com

Pastor email: PastorJesFaithUCC@gmail.com

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.