

Faith United Church of Christ

*“An inclusive spiritual family shaping a better you for creating a better world.
A place to make a difference.”*

October 21, 2018

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

We are delighted that you are here today! We hope you will find us an affirming, uplifting, and committed family of faith. Here we work to make everyone, without any exceptions, to feel accepted, inspired, and encouraged in their spiritual journey. In dialogue, we seek to understand. In encouragement, we seek to heal. In all things we yearn to live by love, for peace, with joy. This is a place where your intellect will be challenged, your heart will be nurtured, and your spirit refreshed. Varying beliefs are expressed openly and freely, and your doubts will not be suppressed. We trust that we are all, every person and part of creation, continuing to be blessed by God’s grace; and that in community we can help each other to see this grace alive in our lives and relationships. We hope to share our gifts with you, even as we pray that you will want to share your gifts with us. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your life’s journey, we invite you to be a part of our lives and our spiritual home. Welcome!

CALLED TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FAMILY

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*

Prelude

"To You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ"

J. Pachelbel

Welcoming the Light of Love in Our Midst

We prepare ourselves for communing with the sacred as love’s light is brought into our awareness. The light of love burns within and among each of us, and we carry that light into our sanctuary; visually reminding us of the image of the divine that lives in our hearts, minds, and souls – and that we nourish through our faith-filled fellowship.

Affirming God’s Presence in Us All

“You Matter!”

***Hymn for the Common Good**

“God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”

#592

***Centering Our Souls**

Servant God, your toils remind us of our own.

And your kindness inspires our own.

You would not have us seek for glory, strive for wealth, or obtain positions of power over others.

Rather, you would have us to love one another, work for justice, and establish peaceful and respectful relationships.

When we are tempted to go our own way, create pauses in our lives so that we may stop, look, listen, and turn back to your ways.

Make us mindful of the values we live, and not merely those we profess.

Teach us how to live equitably with one another, and to share our blessings generously.

Empower us to renounce power. Make us secure in not being in control.

For peace is not won by use of force, and justice is not sustained by security.

Let love win the day by winning our hearts.

May compassion be our only ruler, that we might live freely and joyfully in your ways.

Blessings be, for others, then me; as in service we all become free.

Stewardship Moment

Clifton Merchant

Our Stories of Random Acts of Kindness & Intentional Deeds of Compassion

WE LISTEN FOR THE SACRED IN THE MIDST OF OUR LIVES

Choral Anthem

A Time for All God’s Children

“If You Were God”

Prayers

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation: The Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer

“Prayer from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer”

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. May it be so.

***Hymn for a New World** “Now Is the Time Approaching” **#609**

Scripture Lesson Mark 10.35-44

Message “A Life of Service, Not Glory and Power”

***Hymn for Peace Sustained** “O Day of God, Draw Near” **#611**

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE **THROUGH FAITHFULNESS**

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

“Generosity arises from gratitude like heat arises from fire.

Like fire, gratitude is lovely to see;

*but when it warms others with generosity,
that is when it becomes a true blessing.”*

Offertory Organ Improvisation

***Song of Dedication**

Tune: Old Hundredth; p. 7

The light of love does shine most bright when all are siblings in our sight;

We are one fam’ly on this earth; we are God’s children from our birth.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Spirit of Boldness and Generosity: You entice us to expand our minds, open our hearts, and wrap within our arms those whom it is easier to exclude from our compassion. You provoke us to not ignore those whose circumstances have left them desperate, impoverished, unhealthy, and weak. Recognizing our own abundance, we give of what has been given to us. We seek to share out of our soul’s desire to be a blessing to those who would be stunned to receive. Let these gifts nourish the hope and faith of those who need to feel loved and appreciated. And may our own act of giving feed our satisfaction in living as you have called us to do. May it be so.

*Encouragement for the Journey

Postlude

Toccatina in D Minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

*The Light of Love Goes into the World

Love's light is not extinguished from our worship, but is transferred from the flame of the candles to the passion in our hearts that we may go forth to let the light of love shine through us as we go to serve in the world!

WE GO FORTH AS PEACEMAKERS TO CREATE JUSTICE FOR ALL

*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

Interim Pastor — Rev. Bret Myers

Trustee — Larry Bair

Ushers — Jean Lee Childs, Larry Bair

Fellowship — Sue Doran

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman

Organist—Mark Ferraguto

Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins

Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

The liturgies for this morning's worship, along with the Song of Dedication, were written by Rev. Bret S. Myers except where otherwise noted.

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Cyndy Engle (Marilyn's daughter-in-law), Jo Ann Edwards, K. Thompson, June Irvin, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Susie Keck, 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, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew).

*God Answers
Knee Mail*

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

Flowers courtesy of
Wayne & Edna Bicehouse
In Memory of Loved Ones



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.



October Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (UCC) (<http://www.ucc.org/nin/>)

is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM).

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.



- **Oct 21** **CROP Walk**
- **Oct 27** **Iowa @ PSU, 3:30 PM**
- **Oct 28** **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Oct 31** **Reformation Day**

Get In Touch with Us!

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Pastor Bret's Office Hours: Tuesday 5-8 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 2-4 p.m.
or other hours by appointment.

Appointments are recommended so as to give you the time you need without interruptions. You may call the church office, or his cell at 608-370-9472, or email him at revbmyers@yahoo.com.