

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!

September 22, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

15th Sunday After Pentecost



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*stand as you are able

Prelude Voluntary, Op. 5, no. 5

J. Stanley

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: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

People: come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

L: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

P: come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .

come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

**P: come worship a God who gives life meaning.
Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.**

***Opening Hymn**

All Are Welcome

(see insert)

***Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.**

**We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.**

**We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. God desires to be in relationship with us through God's never ending compassion. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love to each one of us.

-Inspired from Psalm 103

***Sung Response**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

***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 8:1-7

Luke 4:14-21

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Lord, Lead Me, Lord by Gilbert M. Martin

Sermon **A Just World for All**

***Hymn** O for A World

#575

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987; Tune: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1828

1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with 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 opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

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

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.

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.*

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

We offer our time, talent, and treasures to be part of the movement of God's love. No matter how small or large, these gifts matter. Bless them to bring justice and to offer mercy as a light of guidance in a world in need of hope. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

You are Salt for the Earth, O People

#181

Text: paraph Marty Haugen, 1986; Tune: BRING FORTH, Marty Haugen, 1986

1 You are salt for the earth, O People; salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O People; shine for the City of God!

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Rf

Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

2 You are a light on a hill, O People; bring forth the reign of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O People; shinen for the City of God!

Rf

3 You are a seed of the Word, O People; bring for the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow for the City of God!

Rf

4 We are a blessed and a pilgrim people; bound for the right of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland; love is the City of God! **Rf**

***Blessing**

Postlude

Toccata in D Major

J. Krieger

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.



September Special Offering [Park Forest PreSchool](#)



is dedicated to providing low income families with a comprehensive preschool program that includes education, social skills, and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a friendly, safe environment.

The preschool continues their mission of assisting at-risk children to grow and thrive while preparing them for a successful start in public school.

You can learn more about them on their website: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.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.

Our Ministry

Ministers — All the Congregation
Liturgist — April Myers

Pastor - Jes Kast
Fellowship — Sue Doran

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:

The family of Beckie Romig (Manager for OOTC), 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.

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