

Faith United Church of Christ

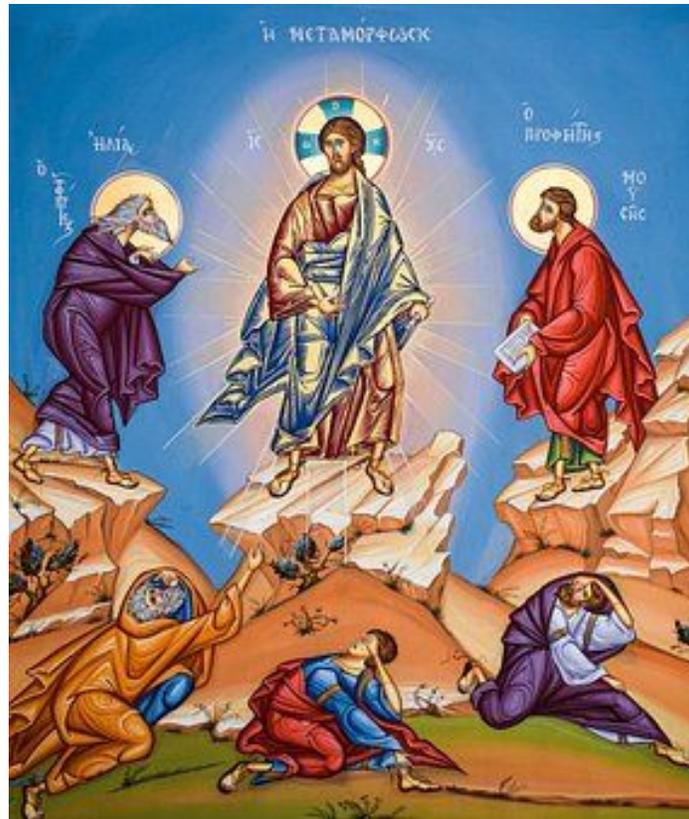
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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You are welcome here!

February 23, 2020

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Transfiguration Sunday



*stand as you are able

Prelude

“Christ, You Are Day and Light,” BWV 1096

J. S. Bach

Pastoral Welcome

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Announcements

Call to worship

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

People: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

L: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

P: With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.

***Opening Hymn**

I am the Light of the World

#584

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, and still we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us.

Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

In Christ, God has given you a new Light, kindling unconditional love for you, and showing you a well lit path. Live at peace and know you are forgiven in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response

Hymn #772

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting. (x2)

God alone fills us.

***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.

Scripture

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

Anthem

Deep River

Trad Spiritual, arr. Jan

Esterline

Deep River is perhaps the most recognized and celebrated spiritual sung today. This deeply historical melody tells of the hope we have beyond our earthly lives as well as the comfort of Christ's love and forgiveness.

Sermon

Follow the Light of Christ

***Sermon Hymn**

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

#183

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 with: **God, hear our prayers.**

In the unity of our faith through Christ our Lord we continue our prayers....

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**

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a confusing world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by pain, loneliness, and sorrow. Accept our offering as we shine our lights from our hearts of gratitude of grace. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** Siyhamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
(We are Marching in the Light of God)

#526

***Blessing**

Postlude "Jesus, My Joy," BWV 1105
Bach

J. S

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.



February Special Offerings

MidPenn Legal



Mid-Penn Legal Services (<http://www.midpenn.org>) MidPenn Legal Services is a non-profit, public-interest law firm dedicated to providing equal access to justice and high quality civil legal services to low income residents and survivors of domestic violence in 18 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

Make checks payable to Faith UCC with “MidPenn” noted in the memo line or on the offering envelope.

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 — Matthew Haines

Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast
Trustee — Neil Christy

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:

Jane DeBarber, Micah Plggott, the family of Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka.

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.

Prayer of Confession <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2015/02/prayer-of-confession-for.html>

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