

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!

June 23, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



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*stand as you are able

Prelude "How Fair and How Pleasant art Thou" (Op. 18, no. 5) Marcel Dupré

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: Throughout the ages, people have said,
"I will follow you wherever you go."

**People: God, you give us the freedom to follow you
in the ways of love.**

L: We come from busy homes and sometimes we lose track of you during our week.

**P: God, give us the strength to follow you
in the ways of peace.**

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

P: God, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,
who shows us the joy of following God.

God, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Step by Step

#17 (see insert)

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

you have blessed us with freedom—

freedom to follow or to turn away;

freedom to love or to hate;

freedom to heal or to hurt.

Too often we choose what is easy for us.

Too often we have forgotten the gifts you give us.

We sometimes worry that there is too little or not enough.

Forgive us for the ways we don't trust your Spirit.

Forgive us for making our visions smaller so we feel comfortable.

Help us to dream new visions with the Spirit's help,

for your Spirit speaks to us today.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God,
and share it freely with others.

Know that you are loved and forgiven.

Trust that you are treasured, now and always. 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, 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

John 15:1-17

Galatians 5:13-15, 22-26

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Give Me Jesus, Trad. Spiritual
Jacki Hunt, soloist

Arr. Moses Hogan

Sermon

Fruits of Faith

***Hymn**

African-American Spiritual

I've Got Peace Like a River

#478

1 I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,
3 I've got love like an ocean,
4 I've got faith like an anchor,

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

"Lauda Sion" (Op. 45, no. 7)

Marcel Dupré

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.



June Special Offering



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Strengthen the Church (UCC) The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. <http://www.ucc.org/stc>

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
Trustee — Larry Bair
Liturgist — Jim Welsh

Pastor - Jes Kast
Usher — Lois Bair
Fellowship — Jean Cole

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:

Edna Bicehouse, The family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), Don Asendorf, the family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, 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.

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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.