

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!

March 24, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



Hen and chickens on altar in Church of Dominus Flevit

*stand as you are able

Prelude
Couperin

Récit de cromorne

F.

Pastoral Welcome

Come to me, all of you who are weary, and I will give you rest. - Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;

People: Whom shall we fear?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;

P: Of whom shall we be afraid?

L: Though we may feel alone and forsaken at times,

P: God is with us, and will lead us on.

We believe we will see the goodness of our God,

We know the Lord is present with us in this time of worship.

***Opening Hymn**

Mothering God You Gave Us Birth

#467

Text: Jean Janzen, 1991 Tune: ANDREW, Jonathan McNair, 1994

Based on the writings of Julian of Norwich, entitled *Showings*.

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world,
Creator, Source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun;
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace;
Your very body for my peace.

3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing One, in arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know;
Until I flower, until I know.

***Call to Confession**

Gentle God, hear our prayers in the tender places of our heart. Where we feel shame, renew our spirits. Let our guilt be a guide for how to correct where we have gone astray. Help us to learn from our mistakes. We know we are not perfect and you don't ask us to be perfect either. Help us to love in the good balance of confidence and humility. Grant us wisdom when our ways have failed. Renew our focus as we strengthen our faith and find grace here today.

Moment of silence

***Assurance of God's Grace**

The prophet Isaiah says:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.
 When you walk through the fire,
 you will not be burned;
 the flames will not set you ablaze.
 For I am the Lord your God.
 Behold, I am doing a bold new thing!

Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call

an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

*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 our 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

Psalm 91:1-4

Anthem

“God is Seen”

arr. Alice Parker

Luke 13:31-35

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Under Her Wings

***Hymn** Be Now My Vision

#451

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th Century; transl. Mary E Byrne, 1903. Versified by Elanor H Hall, 1912.

Tune: SLANE, traditional Irish melody. Harmony, David Evans, 1927.

1 Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

2 Be now my wisdom, and be my true word,
Every within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever, your child I will be.

3 Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.

4 Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

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

Offertory Organ Improvisation

***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**

Giver of all good things,

let your grace flow through us;

a generous stream,

unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.

We release these gifts into your river of love,

flowing out to all the world to do justice and to offer mercy. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

We are Called

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***Benediction**

Go in peace and serve God and each other!

Thanks be to God!

Closing Meditation

Basse de trompette

F.

Couperin

*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.



March Special Offering



One Great Hour
OF SHARING

[One Great Hour of Sharing](http://www.uce.org/oghs)

<http://onegreathourofsharing.org/> or

<http://www.uce.org/oghs>)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org> Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 31st.

Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.

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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement. Please contact the office ahead of visits.



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 Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast

Usher — Tom Daubert Trustee — Tom Daubert

Liturgist — Abby Reed Fellowship — Wayne & Edna Bicehouse

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman

Organist—Mark Ferraguto Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins

Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (loss of brother Steve, and Steve's grandson Christopher Barger), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff,

*O Lord
Hear our prayers*

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.

Altar Flowers in memory of parents and grandparents
Tom and Linda Daubert

