

# *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!

November 24, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



\*stand as you are able

## **Prelude**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

G. F. Kaufmann

## **Pastoral Welcome**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God's love endures forever! -Psalm 107

## **Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**People: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

L: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**P: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.**

We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, 'Thank you!' to the One who loves us.

**We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, so often we want more and more and have forgotten what contentment feels like. We fear we won't have enough or that we aren't enough. Sometimes we don't trust you to provide what we need. God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. You know what it takes for the tasks you have called us to. Help us to trust that there is an abundance and help us to give generously of our time, talent, and treasures. Amen.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

**\*Promise of New Life**

Behold, God makes all things new. Do not remember the former things. New life springs up and renews us and heals our hurts. God's love is wide and the mercy God offers is new every morning. Trust that our God is making our very lives new again.

-Influenced from Isaiah 43

**\*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 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

**Reading of Scripture**

Proverbs 3:5-10

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music** "Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing) arr Chris Tomlin  
Marinda Jenkins, soloist

**Sermon** Living Generously

**\*Hymn** Take My Gifts **#562**

### **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.**

### **Stewardship Campaign Faith Focus - Clif Merchant**

**Offertory** Organ Improvisation

### **Offering/Pledge Commitment**

**\*Doxology**

**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 for Offering and Pledge Commitment**

God, our lives are gifts from you. Each day is so precious and is a gift. We desire to live our lives for a greater purpose in service to you and to our fellow humans. We know you are at work in our lives here at Faith UCC. We know you have called each of us to be part of the movement of God's generous love. Each of us are needed. Take these pledges that we offer and by faith bless them and our ministry together.

**Bless our promises we are making to each other in the covenant of our sacred fellowship here. Bless the promises we are making to you in our pledges. Help us to live generously, to care for your church, to care for each other, and to dedicate our lives to the service of others. Bless our very worship so we may be bright shining lights of God's love in our community. Bless the promises we are making here through Christ our savior, Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

#524

\*Blessing

Postlude

“Glory and Praise to the Highest Good, the Father of All Good” J. Krebs

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**.

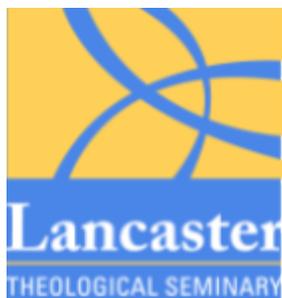
There is free parking on Sundays at the meters and at the McAllister & Pugh Street parking garages – so, we hope you’ll worship with us again next Sunday!

**Electronic Giving Options:** During the offering time you may place your offerings on the plates the ushers around. If you prefer to give electronically simply **scan** with your smartphone to be directed to our online page.



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will bring  
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### November Special Offering



Lancaster Seminary (UCC) (<https://lancasterseminary.edu/>) is a graduate school affiliated with the United Church of Christ, is known for academic excellence, celebration of differences across Christian traditions, and creative engagement on issues important to our world. Our mission is to educate and nurture leaders to join in God's redemptive and liberating work so that all creation may flourish.

**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 — Jim Welsh

Pastor — Jes Kast  
Usher — Jane Lee Childs

#### 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 Richard H. McCormack (Jane Lee Child's brother), the family of Beckie Romig (Manager for OOTC), 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.

#### **Get In Touch with Us!**

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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.

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