

Faith United Church of Christ

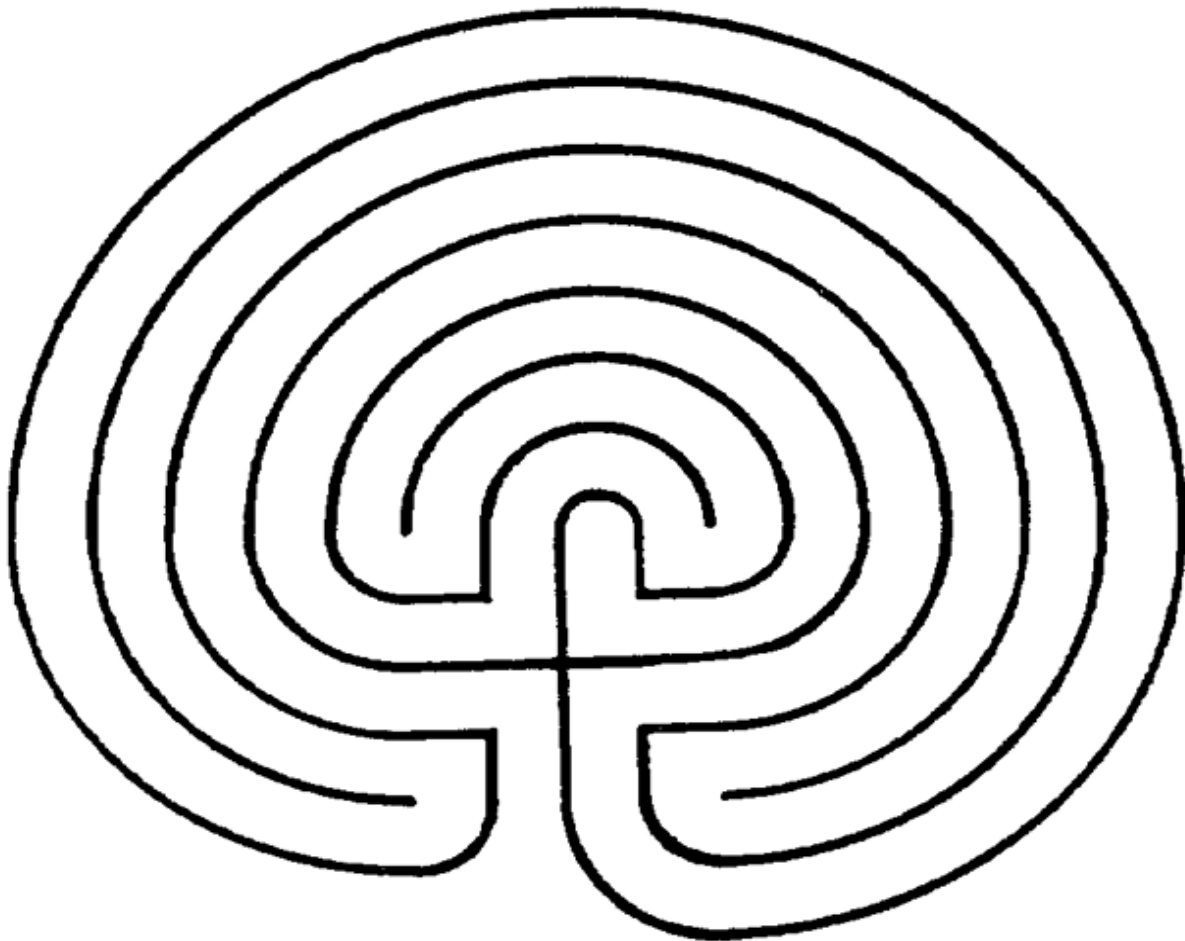
An Open and Affirming Congregation

No Matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey,
You are welcome here!

January 26, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany



Left Handed Cretan labyrinth

*stand as you are able

Prelude

"Prayer," Op. 47, no. 4

A. Guilmant

Pastoral Welcome

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

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: To the fisherman Jesus said:

People: “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

L: To the tax collector Jesus said:

P: “Follow me.”

To the rich man Jesus said:

**“Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.”**

At the last supper Jesus said:

“Follow me.”

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

**Follow me! The world will know we are Christ’s disciples by how we follow Christ
in loving one another.**

***Opening Hymn**

God of Change and Glory

#177

***Prayer of Confession**

**God, to be your disciple means to follow your son, Jesus. If I am honest,
sometimes it is hard and sometimes I don’t want to follow you. Sometimes I want
to do my own thing and sometimes I don’t think about what others might want to
do. Sometimes following you requires more patience than I have. Sometimes
following you requires more boldness and my voice shakes in fear. Forgive me
for the times when I follow my own way and don’t seek You, God. Forgive me for
thinking I am wiser than you. Forgive me for the hubris to think I can lead
without your guidance. Help me to follow you this week, Oh Christ.**

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, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Response

Hymn #772 - Sing twice through

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

Isaiah 9:1-4

Matthew 4:12-23

Anthem

Come Follow Me by Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

Sermon

Following Jesus

***Sermon Hymn**

The Summons

HPP 317 (see insert)

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.**

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**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

#76

***Blessing**

Postlude

Toccata and Fugue,

Anon. (Italian, 18th c.)

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.



January Special Offerings



Centre Safe provides services for women, men, and children who have experienced dating & domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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

Learn more at: <http://ccwrc.org/>

Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.

If you'd like earphones for hearing assistance, please speak with an usher.

