

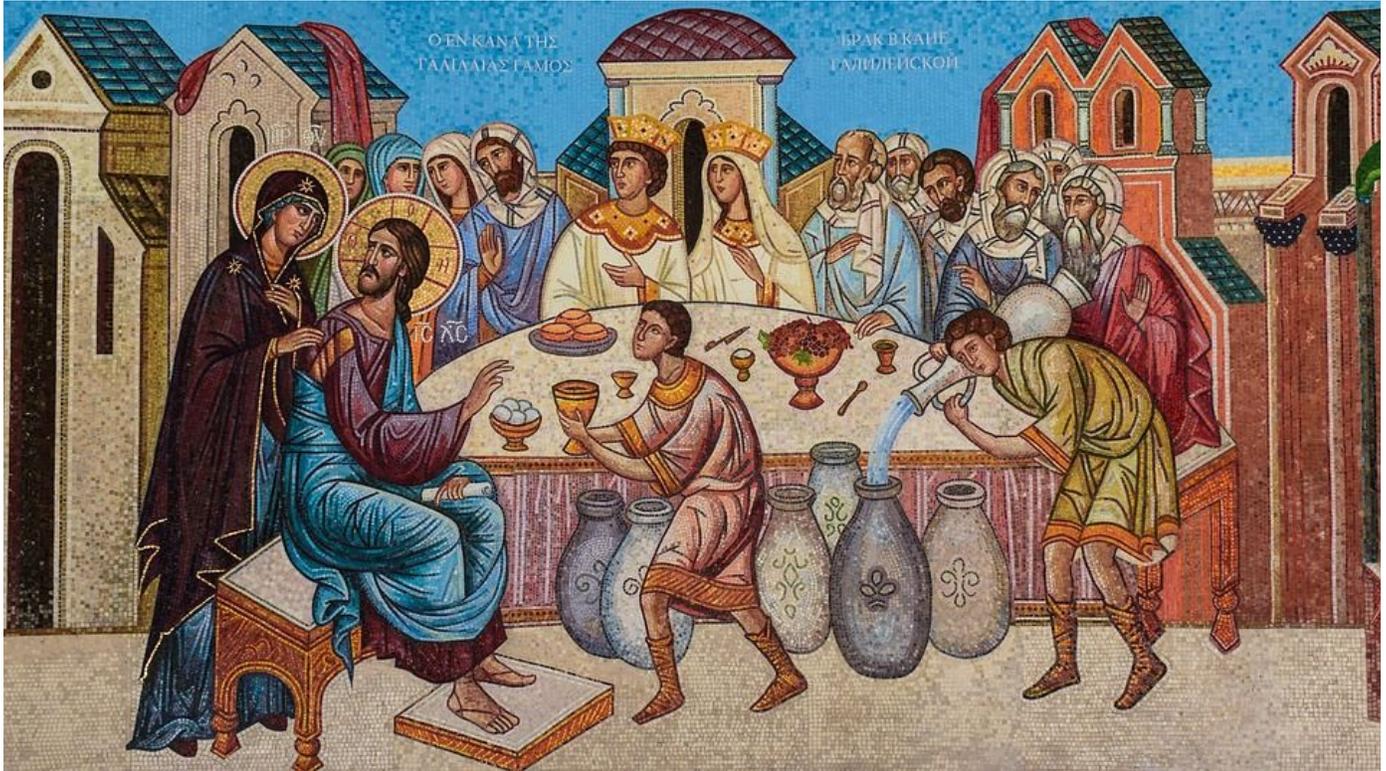
Faith United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

January 27, 2018

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



Wedding at Cana (Photo: [dimitrisvestikas1969](https://www.flickr.com/photos/dimitrisvestikas1969/), June 17, 2017, CC.0 License)

Prelude
Fifield

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach, arr. F.

Pastoral Welcome

Here in this place the light of God is shining. God’s light gladdens the heart and grants us joy. No trouble is too great for God. Come into this sanctuary of light and fight rest for your journey. The light of God is here and your path will be clearer. We know that God is with us each step of the way. Come into the light for there is no shame, and no fear, for God’s light is love and grace is God’s rule.

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the registration pads at the ends of the pews on the center aisle.

We ask that you please shut off cell phones
and practice quietness during the service.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the worship
in Romig Hall (lower level of elevator or stairs).

* = You are invited to stand as you are able

Call to Worship

Leader: We prepare our hearts and minds, Extravagant God, as people in need of your steadfast love.

People: With you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

L: We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs and miracles.

P: With you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.

L: We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who call on the life-giving name of Jesus.

P: With you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.

***Opening Hymn**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

#73

***Prayer of Confession**

God, our Enduring Joy, In you we find our refuge. In the shelter of your compassion, we are made whole; in the abundance of your grace, we are fed; in the depths of your living waters, we are transfigured into new people. We ask that you fill our lives to the brim so that our hearts overflow with your spirit and our lives are poured out for others. We need your strength and seek your grace to be renewed and restored to joyous and just living. Help us we pray.

Moment of silent reflection

***Assurance of God's Love**

***Sung Response**

(refrain #181)

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

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 are sick and prefer not to spread your germs you can place your hands over your heart and welcome people as a peace offering.)

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 36:5-10

Anthem Sing to the Lord by Dale Peterson

John 2:1-11

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Saving the best for last!*

***Hymn** Lift Every Voice and Sing **#593**

Offering Organ Improvisation

***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**

**Open our ears to the struggles around us;
Open our voices to speak out for justice;
Open our hearts to welcome the forgotten;
Open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

We believe that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer.
After each expression, 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.

***Closing Hymn** We are Marching in the Light of God

#526

- 1 Marching...
- 2 Singing...
- 3 Praying...
- 4 Living...
- 5 Marching...

***Benediction**

L: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God give you peace. Go forth into you ministry knowing just how dearly loved by God you are. Share that love with others.

P: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude in F Major

E. L. Ashford



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 Offering

Centre Safe (formerly the Centre County Women's Resource Center) 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.

Get In Touch with Us!

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Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM—1:30 PM **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (NOTE CHANGE!)**

Pastor Jes' Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm or other hours by appointment.

Note that Pastor Jes also has Listening Cafe hours:

Monday, January 28, 9-10:30 AM @Panera, corner of Beaver and Allen

*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.

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

Liturgist — Andrea Miles Ushers — Jane Lee Childs, Jean Frank

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:

Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Cyndi V.'s Family (mourning brother Steve), the family of Susie Keck, the family of Bunnie Hartswick, the family of JoAnn Edwards, Allen Killpatrick, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot family.

*Prayer is the best
wireless connection*

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