

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!

April 28, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Easter tide



Icon of the Resurrection, 2009, public domain

*stand as you are able

Prelude “Glory and Praise be to the Highest Good, the Father of all good” J. Krebs

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: Praise God with clapping hands;
praise God with hands comforting a child.

**People: Praise God with silent hearts;
praise God with hearts broken for the world.**

L: Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;
praise God with a Gregorian chant.

**P: Praise God with dancing steps;
praise God with feet walking for justice.**

L: Let all that has breath,

P: Praise God's holy name!

***Opening Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#42

Text: Charles Wesley, 1740 Tune: Charles G Gläser, 1848

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!

3 Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!

2 My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

4 Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jesus Christ, Risen One: You show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands and send us to serve the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy. We lift our hearts and lives to you in worship. Create in us a generosity of spirit. Forgive us when we fall short of practicing resurrection. Amen.

Moment of silent reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Life is stronger than death, love is greater than fear, and grace is more wonderful than division. We are promised new life and God's mercy is new to us this joyous day.

Thanks be to God!

***Sung Response**

De colores (Sing of Colors)

#402
(vs 2)

**Sing, rejoicing! Every creature that breathes raise a song to the God of creation.
Sing, rejoicing! Sing to God Who so earnestly care, Who has offered salvation.
Sing the good news! Sing the love of the Savior reflecting the colors of all.
Many colors that shine from God's face,
many colors that tell us God's love to recall.
Many colors that shine from God's face,
many colors that tell us God's love to recall.**

***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

Luke 24:36-49

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon: You are a Witness

***Hymn I love to Tell the Story**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1866 Tune: William G. Fisher, 1869

#522
(vs. 1-3)

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus' radiant glory, of Jesus' endless love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Rf:

Rf:

I love to tell the story; and when I am in glory
I'll tell the old, old story of Jesus' endless love.

2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, I tell it now to you
because I want to share it, because I know it's true.

Rf:

3 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Rf:

4 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when I sing in glory, I know the new, new song
will be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Rf:

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 Special Music

Who Am I?

Written by Mark Hall sung by Casting Crowns

Performed by: Andrea Miles, Patty McKenna, and Denise St. Pierre

***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**

Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One

#253

Text: Edmond L Budry, 1904 Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS, GF Handel, 1751

1 Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance roll the stone away; conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Rf

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One! Endless is the victory you o'er death have won!

2 See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared; do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing; tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting. **Rf**

3. Am I still frightened? One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace forever more.
Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head; Jesus is my glory; nothing shall I dread. **Rf**

***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.



April Special Offering



Hoffman Homes for Youth serves boys and girls ages 6 to 18 with mental health diagnoses by providing behavioral and cognitive therapy, physical health care services, education, spiritual nurturing and a safe and comfortable home for up to 141 children. Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "Hoffman Homes" noted

in the memo line. More at: <http://hoffmanhomes.com/>

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	Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast
Trustee — Neil Christy	Ushers — Jean Frank
Nursery — Lee Szmkiewiez	Liturgist — Sue Cromwell
Fellowship — Jean Cole	

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 Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, Jane Sheckells, 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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Please contact the office ahead of visits.