

# *Faith United Church of Christ*

*“An inclusive spiritual family shaping a better you for creating a better world.  
A place to make a difference.”*

October 28, 2018

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

*We are delighted that you are here today! We hope you will find us an affirming, uplifting, and committed family of faith. Here we work to make everyone, without any exceptions, to feel accepted, inspired, and encouraged in their spiritual journey. In dialogue, we seek to understand. In encouragement, we seek to heal. In all things we yearn to live by love, for peace, with joy. This is a place where your intellect will be challenged, your heart will be nurtured, and your spirit refreshed. Varying beliefs are expressed openly and freely, and your doubts will not be suppressed. We trust that we are all, every person and part of creation, continuing to be blessed by God’s grace; and that in community we can help each other to see this grace alive in our lives and relationships. We hope to share our gifts with you, even as we pray that you will want to share your gifts with us. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your life’s journey, we invite you to be a part of our lives and our spiritual home. Welcome!*

## **CALLED TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FAMILY**

### **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*

### **Prelude**

Canzona in G Minor

D. Buxtehude

### **Welcoming the Light of Love in Our Midst**      *(acolytes light altar candles)*

*We prepare ourselves for communing with the sacred as love’s light is brought into our awareness. The light of love burns within and among each of us, and we carry that light into our sanctuary; visually reminding us of the image of the divine that lives in our hearts, minds, and souls – and that we nourish through our faith-filled fellowship.*

### **Affirming God’s Presence in Us All**

“You Matter!”

### **\*Hymn of Service’s Path**

“O Savior, Let Me Walk with You”

**#503**

## **\*Centering Our Souls**

God of vision, compassion, justice, and grace: We are thankful that you stop along the roads where we live out our lives, listening to our cries for mercy.

**Like the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, we call out in hope, and in faith, that we will find healing from the things that ail us.**

You call us to live in right relationship with one another, to restore those who have gone astray, and to be forgiving of those who have done us harm.

**We know you require accountability of us all, to respond to your call to follow in your ways, even when doing so seems like a sacrifice more than we may want to make.**

So empower us to throw aside the “cloaks” that keep us from being healed to better life. Let us not let things come between our relationships with you and others.

**Grant us sight to see how your values can transform our relationships and help to create a more loving, peaceful, and just world.**

Teach us how to serve you by serving one another and our world.

**Remind us that we are all your children. Blessings be, for others, then me; as in service we all become free.**

Stewardship Moment

Abby Reed

**Our Stories of Random Acts of Kindness & Intentional Deeds of Compassion**

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE SACRED IN THE MIDST OF OUR LIVES**

Choral Anthem

A Time for All God’s Children

Prayers

***Sharing Our Joys and Concerns***

***Silent Meditation: The Prayers of the People***

***Pastoral Prayer***

***The Prayer Jesus Taught*** (unison) *Please feel free to do the version you know, or the one below:*

“Our heavenly Creator, sacred be your name: your kin-dom\* come, your will be done, on earth as if 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

*\*“Kin-dom” is an inclusive, non-authoritarian, and egalitarian term that reminds us that we are all “kin” as the children of God.*

**\*Hymn in Search of Healing**      “Out of the Depths, O God, We Call”      **#554**

**Scripture Lesson**      Mark 10.46-52

**Message**      “The Visionary Blind Man”

**\*Hymn for Visions Lived**      “Standing at the Future’s Threshold”      **#538**  
vss. 1-4

**WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE THROUGH**  
**FAITHFULNESS**

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

*“Generosity arises from gratitude like heat arises from fire.*

*Like fire, gratitude is lovely to see;*

*but when it warms others with generosity*

*that is when it becomes a true blessing.”*

**Offertory** Organ Improvisation

**\*Song of Dedication**

*Tune: Old Hundredth; p. 7*

The light of love does shine most bright when all are siblings in our sight;

We are one fam’ly on this earth; we are God’s children from our birth.

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Spirit of Boldness and Generosity: You entice us to expand our minds, open our hearts, and wrap within our arms those whom it is easier to exclude from our compassion. You provoke us to not ignore those whose circumstances have left them desperate, impoverished, unhealthy, and weak. Recognizing our own abundance, we give of what has been given to us. We seek to share out of our soul’s desire to be a blessing to those who would be stunned to receive. Let these gifts nourish the hope and faith of those who need to feel loved and appreciated. And may our own act of giving feed our satisfaction in living as you have called us to do. May it be so.

**\*Encouragement for the Journey**

**Postlude**

Gigue in C Major

D. Buxtehude

**\*The Light of Love Goes into the World**

*Love’s light is not extinguished from our worship, but is transferred from the flame of the candles to the passion in our hearts that we may go forth to let the light of love shine through us as we go to serve in the world!*

## WE GO FORTH AS PEACEMAKERS TO CREATE JUSTICE FOR ALL

*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  
Ushers — Jane Lee Childs

Interim Pastor — Rev. Bret Myers

### Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier  
Organist—Mark Ferraguto

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman  
Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins  
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

*The liturgies for this morning's worship, along with the Song of Dedication, were written by Rev. Bret S. Myers except where otherwise noted.*

### ***Prayers for healing and wholeness:***

Bunnie Hartswick (hospice), the family of Cyndy Engle (Marilyn's daughter-in-law), Jo Ann Edwards, K. Thompson, June Irvin, Ben and Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff, Susie Keck, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the Piggot's family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew).



Please help us keep this list up to date. Notify the office of additions or removals.



**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.



### October Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (UCC) (<http://www.ucc.org/nin/>)

is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM).

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.



- **Oct 28**      **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **Oct 31**      **Reformation Day**
- **Nov 2**        **First Friday**
- **Nov 4**        **31<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Time Change, Fall Back!**

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Pastor Bret's Office Hours: Tuesday 5-8 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 2-4 p.m.  
or other hours by appointment.

Appointments are recommended so as to give you the time you need without interruptions. You may call the church office, or his cell at 608-370-9472, or email him at [revbmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:revbmyers@yahoo.com).