



## \*Opening Hymn

## I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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Text: Isaac Watts. 1715;

Tune: Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Wirttembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good.  
Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glories known.  
The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.  
All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;  
Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

## \*Prayer of Confession

**God, sometimes it is very hard to be human. We quickly oscillate between thinking we are better than others and then thinking we are worse than others. Sometimes our pride goes to our head and sometimes we wonder how much we are worth. Sometimes we struggle to see ourselves as we are. Sometimes our failures haunt us and sometimes our successes do the same. We confess that we are worth more than our worst thing we've done. We confess that even the best thing we have done doesn't get to claim our identity. We are a child of God. You love us and see us as we really are and we never have to hide from you. Help us to trust that love and not hide from ourselves, too.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

## \*Promise of New Life

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will always love you. This is the good news that brings us new life, restores our souls, and reinvigorate our dreams. You are whole and you are holy. Thanks be to God.

## **\*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**

Isaiah 58:13,14

Mark 2:23-28

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

I have Decided to Follow Jesus by John Carter

**Sermon**

**Stop and Breathe**

1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

- 2 Joy like a fountain
- 3 Love like an ocean
- 4 Faith like an anchor

### **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.**

### **Choral Prayer Response**

### **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**

**We offer our time, talent, and treasures to be part of the movement of God's love. No matter how small or large, these gifts matter. Bless them to bring justice and to offer mercy as a light of guidance in a world in need of hope. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      When the Morning Stars Together

**#453**

Text: Alfred F. Bayly, 1969; Tune: OFFERING, Jean Slates Hawk, 1991

1 When the morning stars together their Creator's glory sang,  
And the angel host all shouted till with joy the heavens rang.  
Then your wisdom and your greatness their exultant music told,  
All the beauty and the splendor which your mighty works unfold.

2 When in synagogue and temple voices raised the psalmists' songs,  
Offering the adoration which alone to you belongs,  
When the singers, trumpets, cymbals all combined, your praise to share,  
Then the people saw your glory fill the sacred house of prayer.

3 Voice and instrument in union through the ages spoke your praise,  
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems told your faithful, gracious ways.  
Choir and orchestra and organ each a sacred offering brought,  
While, inspired by your Spirit, poet and composer wrought.

4 God, we bring our gift of music; touch our lips and fire our heart,  
Teach our minds and train our senses, fit us for this sacred art.  
Then with skills and consecration we would serve, God, and give  
All our powers to glorify you, and in serving fully live.

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fantasia

G. P.

Telemann

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.



### **September Special Offering** [Park Forest PreSchool](#)



is dedicated to providing low income families with a comprehensive preschool program that includes education, social skills, and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a friendly, safe environment.

The preschool continues their mission of assisting at-risk children to grow and thrive while preparing them for a successful start in public school.

You can learn more about them on their website: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.org>

**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 — Amy Bowser

Pastor — Jes Kast  
Acolyte — TJ Boswer

### 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 Beckie Romig (Manager for OOTC), the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), the family of Jane Sheckells, 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.

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