

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!

June 2, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Eastertide



*stand as you are able

Prelude "Salvation Now Has Come for All" (BuxWV 186) D. Buxtehude

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: We come to this place of prayer,

**People: for here we can bring our hopes and dreams,
our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.**

L: We come to this place of grace,

**P: for here we learn compassion and joy,
and discover how deeply we are loved.**

We come with these people called the church,
**to be blessed by the variety of gifts,
to live as one for our God.**

***Opening Hymn**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

#495

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; Tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1855

1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Me we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

4 so God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***Prayer of Confession**

**God, we confess to you
that while we know well the story of your victory over the grave,
it is not a story we always live.**

**We are dragged down by all manner of death –
Fear may suffocate us: the loss of dreams and hopes
for ourselves, our families, our communities and our nation.**

**Sorrow may wall us off like a grave,
isolating us with anger, frustration, and grief.**

**Yet the smooth stones of our faith are inscribed
not with the marks of death,
but with the word, "Alleluia!"
So in this Easter season,
we pray that you will fill us with renewed joy
so that, like those women who came to the tomb expecting death,
we may instead find the radiant new life
that is ever before us in your Resurrection! Amen.**

***Promise of New Life**

People of God, hear this good news: Just as Christ did not come to condemn but to liberate, so too is Christ raised from death not to judge but to celebrate. Cast off the yoke of sorrow and instead raise up the scepter of joy – Christ lives! We live!
All is made new in this season of Easter!
Alleluia and amen!

***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

John 17:20-26

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Made with Love

***Hymn** They'll Know We Are Christians **#495** (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: *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

*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** In Christ There is No East or West

#395

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; Tune: ST PETER, Alexander R Reinagle, 1836

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
God's service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

3 In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.

***Blessing**

Postlude

Praeludium in C Major (BuxWV 137)

D. Buxtehude

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.

June Special Offering



Strengthen the Church (UCC) The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by

investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. <http://www.ucc.org/stc>

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
Ushers — Jane Lee Childs

Guest Preacher: Candace Simpson
Liturgist — Sue Cromwell

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier
Organist—Mark Ferraguto

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

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), the family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, 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.

*God Answers
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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.