

Faith United Church of Christ

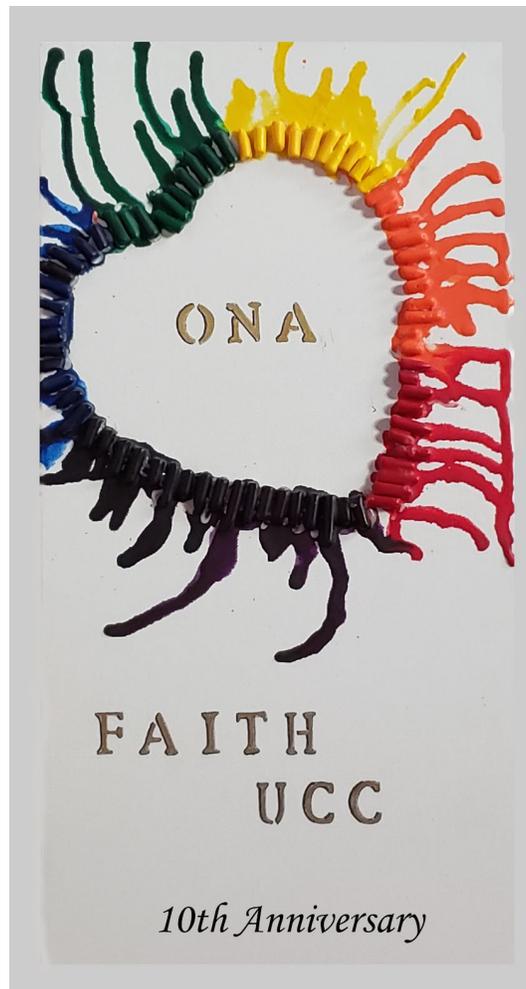
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

June 30, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Third Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude Prelude in C Minor (BWV 549)

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: Creating God, blessed are You and blessed is this time and place. Thank You for Your people gathered here.

People: We are here! Being the Church! We have not retreated! We are here praising You!

L: Reconciling Redeemer, You are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies. You lift us up, strengthen and sustain, nurture and nourish, heal and help.

P: Holy Fire, ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.

Light our way. Warm our bodies. Inspire our tongues to speak a new word, to shout another praise, and to sing an amazing song that will bring to us life and to You Glory!
We are Your church and we seek Your guidance as we praise your Holy Name!

***Opening Hymn**

All Are Welcome

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***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Awesome God, You created our very lives in the tenderness of Your love. There has never been a day You haven't loved us. There will never be a day when You don't love us. You love us more than we really comprehend.

Sometimes we have not loved ourselves and we have felt ashamed for who we are. Sometimes we have hidden ourselves so we don't have to deal with the painful reality of rejection. There have been times that we have been hurt so badly from others that we have doubted our own sacred place in the communion of saints. Forgive us, we pray, and heal the wounds that still cause pain. We know you love us and we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Remind us of this today because we long to be free and at peace with who we are.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

***Sung Response**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (x2)

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still! Let this be our song no one stands alone. Standing side-by-side, draw the circle wide.

***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

Acts 2:1-21

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Whole and Holy

***Hymn**

In the Midst of New Dimensions (vs. 1-4)

#391

Text & Tune: Julian Rush, 1985

1 In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in the separate ways?

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God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We our people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more.

2 Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light of flame of care?

Rf

3 As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.

Rf

4 We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.

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** This Little Light of Mine
African-American spiritual

#524

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

3 All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

***Blessing**

Postlude Fugue in C Minor (BWV 549)

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



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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.

