

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!

November 3, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

21st Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude

Prière à Notre-Dame

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Pastoral Welcome

Come to me all of you who are weary and I will give you rest. - Jesus

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather, with the company of the faithful:

People: those who know the way to the kingdom and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.

L: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:

P: those who made compassion their day job, and those who have no day named after them.

L: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

P: those who showed us the dance steps of heaven, and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.

***Opening Hymn**

God, We Thank You For Our People

#376

***Prayer of Confession**

God, We have met your saints everyday of our life whether we have recognized them or not: the bus driver who sang with us as we drove to school, the coach who encouraged us as we were learning to play, the neighbor who shoveled our walk when we were sick, the nurse who stayed after his shift ended. Your saints are all around us; we ask that You make us mindful of them. Remind us that we are Your saints. Forgive us for thinking that saints are something more unattainable. By your grace, we are all saints.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

Jesus has called each one of us by name. There is room for all of us at the feast of grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through God's love we have been called saints of God, friends with Christ. Live at peace with each other and with 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!)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***Communion Hymn** Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

#342

Pastoral Invitation

Communion Prayer

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us thank our thanks and praise to God

P: It is good to give God our thanks and praise

L: Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks and praise to you at all times. Today we gather in the company of the saints here and the saints who have gone on to glory and are with you face to face. We remember them in the breaking of bread and the drinking of this cup. We know that you have prepared a place for us in the company of our loved ones whom we hold in our heart and mind today. In this thin place where heaven and earth come close together, we sing your praises.

All: (singing)

#277, stanza 1

Holy, holy holy, God the Almighty!

All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words of Institution

L: On the night he was betrayed...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

All are invited to come forward and partake in the cup of blessing and bread of life. Jesus has prepared a place for each one of us. We remember the saints whom we miss as we dine with Christ and with each other. We remember the dinner tables that gathered our loved ones and we know that Christ gathers us all here in the presence of God's love.



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.

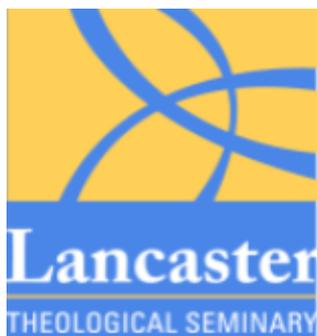
Join us after worship for coffee and **conversation**.

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.



November Special Offering



Lancaster Seminary (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.

You can learn more about them on their website noted above.

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
Guest Organist — Kevin Litzinger
Communion Servers —

Pastor — Jes Kast
Liturgist — Cyndi Vincenti

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 Richard H. McCormack (Jane Lee Child's brother), the family of Beckie Romig (Manager for OOTC), 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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Pastor Jes' office hours: 9-5 M-Th. Pastor also values community engagement.

Please contact the office ahead of visits.

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