

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!

August 4, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude King of Kings (African-American Spiritual) Colin Curtis

Pastoral Welcome

This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come to worship the God of our salvation.

God's goodness has called us here.

Seek, and you will find.

With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.

Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

Ask, and it shall be given to you.

Here, righteousness and peace will kiss.

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***Opening Hymn**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

#73

***Prayer of Confession**

Sustaining God, we need you. Sometimes we live like we can do it on our own, but the reality is, we need a deeper wisdom that comes from you. We only understand the perspective we see and it's far too often difficult to see other perspectives. We need your help to see more than what meets our eyes. Forgive us for thinking we have all the answers. Forgive us for thinking we don't need others. You have given us incredible talents so help us to work together for the common good of all your people. Help us to lean on your wisdom as we seek to follow you in our lives.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for us. - Psalm 103

***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. Draw the circle, 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!)

Together we sing our praise to the God who knits us together in the feast of love and grace:

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.

Holy Spirit, bless these gifts. Take these grapes and take this wheat, may they nourish us in body and soul for the days to come. These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come now, for all things are ready.

(Instructions: The ushers will serve communion to you in your seats. Please hold onto the elements until all are served so that we may feast together. Gluten free bread is available for you, please let an usher know.)

God of grace and abundance, we have received your word and tasted your truth: Jesus Christ, your very presence is among us.

We pray that Christ will guide us so that we may live with each other in unity, honesty, and love. May we grow in faithful assurance that you are with us until the end of the age.

In the strength of our faith we pray together the prayer Jesus, who loves us and calls us by name, taught us to pray....

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.

Offertory The Lord's My Shepherd

Jessie S. Irvine; Arr Larry Shackley

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

Bind us Together

see insert

*Blessing

Postlude

God Be with You

William G.

Tomer

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.



August Special Offering

Bethany Children's Home (<http://www.bethanyhome.org>)

is Pennsylvania's first DPW Sanctuary® Certified agency, having earned the certification in 2010.

Thanks to their Sanctuary® accreditation, youth who have been abused and neglected have the opportunity to live the lives they deserve. Unique and specialized programs give youth access to a variety of therapeutic, spiritual, and cultural services in addition to recreational activities.

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 — Clif Merchant

Pastor - Jes Kast
Pianist — Barb Chellman

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:

Wayne Bicehouse, Edna Bicehouse, 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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Church Office Hours: 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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

Please contact the office ahead of visits.