

# *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!

May 5, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

## **Eastertide**



Jesus and Thomas, Stained Glass, location unknown

\*stand as you are able

**Prelude**

Canzona

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: Now is the time to sing! to sing the good news of God:

**People: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.**

L: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**P: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

All are Welcome

(#550 HPP) see insert

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**When our faith  
stands at the grave,  
Grieving  
for a stone that's rolled away,  
forgive us.**

**When we are tempted,  
to walk away from faith  
because our doubts overwhelm us,  
forgive us.**

**When our faith  
is short of  
Understanding  
though the truth is there to see,  
forgive us.**

**Bring to mind  
the cry of Thomas,  
"My Lord and My God!"  
and grant us faith to believe!**

*Moment of silent reflection*

**\*Promise of New Life**

Life is stronger than death, love is greater than fear, and grace is more wonderful than division. We are promised new life and God's mercy is new to us this joyous day.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.**

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**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 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Children are always welcome to remain in the worship service.

**Reading of Scripture**

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

**L: A word from the Lord.**

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**"None Can Satisfy But Christ" by Sarah Joy Smith**

**Sermon:**

**Faith & Doubt**

## \*Hymn

## We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

#256

Text: Henry Alford, 1844, alt

Tune: Samuel McFarland

1 We live by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear  
From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.

2 WE may not touch Christ's hands and side, nor follow where Christ trod;  
But in confessing we rejoice; our Saviour and our God!

3 Help the, O Christ, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found;

4 That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

### 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.**

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#347

Text: Fred Kaan, 1975    Tune: Jamaican folk song, adapt. Doreen Poter, 1975

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. **Rf**

**Rf**  
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and deed express. **Rf**

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **Rf**

### 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 our God**

L: Let us give our thanks and praise to God

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

L: Christ, who rose from the dead meets us here and dines with us. We share stories of resurrection at the table of grace because we need to be reminded that the Spirit takes the crumbs we have and makes a feast with our lives. Take the morsels that we offer and make a beautiful meal here in our lives today. Remind us that at your table there is always enough and each of us are welcome.

In praise and adoration we sing...

All: (singing)

#277, v 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.**

L: By the presence of your Holy Spirit, may these gifts You offer us here at Christ's Table transform ordinary things to holy things. May our ordinary lives become holy through your everyday grace that has fed us here at this table and grant us the grace to have faith that we shall meet you face to face when the glory of your presence is made known.

L: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(Instructions: We will receive communion by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and partake. You may return to your seats by the side aisle. You are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing at this time if you choose not partake in the elements. We will serve communion to you in the pew if you are unable to come forward.)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Loving God, We have met you at this table. We thank you for always providing a place for us and loving us. Help us to nourish our communities with the grace we have found here today. Though the risen Christ we pray, Amen.**

L: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

**\*Closing Hymn**            De colores (Sing of Colors)

**#402**

Text/tune: Mexican folk tune; arr Alfredo Morales

1 Sing of colors, sing of colors that over the hills in profusion are springing;  
Sing of colors, of the birds that fly outside my window their canticles singing;  
Sing of colors, in the rainbow's bright colors God's promise of hope we recall;  
Sing of colors that make up the earth and give thanks to the God who created us all.  
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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.

## \*Blessing

### Postlude

"Now Praise the Lord, my Soul"

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.



### May Special Offering



**Hartman Center**  
Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

**Hartman Center** is the Outdoor Ministries facility owned by Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ since 1964. Programming includes retreats, conferences, workshops, dinner meetings, summer

camps, and other events. Hartman Center is located about 20 miles southeast of State College on old Rte. 322 in Milroy PA. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and financial donations! <https://www.hartmancenter.com/>

**Calendar items are listed in the Announcements.**

**If you'd like a large print bulletin or 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

Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast

Liturgist — Clif Merchant

Communion Servers — June Irvin, Peggy Salamon, Vaughn & Kay Shirk

#### 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 Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), the family of Bunnie Hartswick, Jane Sheckells, 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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