

# *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!

July 7, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

## **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**



\*stand as you are able

### **Prelude**

"Be Thou With Me"  
Michael Ferraguto, violin

J. S. Bach

### **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: The whole world speaks of the wonder of God.

**People: All creation sings out God's name.**

L: For it is in God that we have life.

**P: We are blessed and humbled to receive it.**

God of wonder and mystery; God beyond praising,

**You have gathered us here to be with one another, in community.**

L: Remind us, again, that we are your beloved children

**P: Called and created by you, forgiven and freed, and loved beyond all understanding.**

**We give you thanks and praise, honor and glory.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

**#28**

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864; Tune: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1838

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the splendor of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies.

**Rf**

**Rf**

Lord of all to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light.

**Rf**

3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild.

**Rf**

4. For the good that love inspires, for a world here none exclude,  
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed.

**Rf**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, we pray for your grace and forgiveness,

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

For that which we have left undone or have avoided to do,

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

For the shortcuts we've taken that have costed moral integrity,

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

For the times we have not been conscience of another perspective and thought we were the only right ones,

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

When we've tried to take control and hushed your voice that told us, "Just trust me."

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

For the atrocities that have been committed in order to be great,

**In your mercy, hear our prayers.**

**We welcome your mercy to illuminate our path in our lives.**

*Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection*

### **\*Promise of New Life**

One fact remains that does not change: God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life. Thanks be to God!

### **\*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!)

### **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**

2 Kings 5:1-17

L: A word from the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

#### **\*Hymn**

Great is Your Faithfulness

**#423**

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Tune: William M Runyan, 1923

1 Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator,  
With you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
All of your goodness forever will be.

**Rf**

## **Rf**

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**Rf**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

**Rf**

## **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....

## **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

I Come with Joy (vs. 1-3)

**#349**

Text: Brian Wren, 1968; Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

1 I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ break bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends,  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

## **PASTORAL INVITATION**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

May the God of all new things be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer our hearts to the One who restores us to new life.

**May we empty all that holds us back, so God may fill the emptiness with grace.**

May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

**May joy and laughter resound in our words and lives.**

This is the feast of grace where all are welcome...

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.

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Having been fed at the table let us pray.

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.**



3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
God who has brought us thus far on the way;  
God, who by your might, led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you,  
Lest our hear, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you;  
Shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

### \*Blessing

### Postlude

Prelude from "Te Deum"  
Michael Ferraguto, violin

M.-A. Charpentier

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.



## July Special Offering



OOTC<sup>3</sup> is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in February 2011 by the Community Safety Net (CSN) which serves residents of Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The mission of Out of the Cold: Centre County (OOTC<sup>3</sup>) is to provide the homeless in our community with a warm and safe overnight accommodation and nourishment within a welcoming atmosphere as a supplemental option to locally established

shelters. <http://www.ootc3.org/>

**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

Pastor - Jes Kast

Communion Servers — June Irvin, Clovis & Marilyn Morrisson, Peggy Salamon

### 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:***

Edna Bicehouse, the family of Don Asendorf, the family of Lynn Christy (Neil's brother), Don Asendorf, the family of Jane Sheckells, the family of Allen Killpatrick, 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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Please contact the office ahead of visits.