



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.



October Special Offering

Neighbors in Need (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.



- **Oct 5 First Friday**
- **Oct 7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Honoring the Caring Team, Fellowship Hour
Cider Outing at the Bairs**
- **Oct 13 Michigan State, time to be announced
Get In Touch with Us!**

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Pastor Bret's Office Hours: Tuesday 5-8 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday 2-4 p.m.
or other hours by appointment.

Appointments are recommended so as to give you the time you need without interruptions. You may call the church office, or his cell at 608-370-9472, or email him at revbmyers@yahoo.com.

Faith United Church of Christ

*“An inclusive spiritual family shaping a better you for creating a better world.
A place to make a difference.”*

October 7, 2018

World Communion Sunday

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

We are delighted that you are here today! We hope you will find us an affirming, uplifting, and committed family of faith. Here we work to make everyone, without any exceptions, to feel accepted, inspired, and encouraged in their spiritual journey. In dialogue, we seek to understand. In encouragement, we seek to heal. In all things we yearn to live by love, for peace, with joy. This is a place where your intellect will be challenged, your heart will be nurtured, and your spirit refreshed. Varying beliefs are expressed openly and freely, and your doubts will not be suppressed. We trust that we are all, every person and part of creation, continuing to be blessed by God’s grace; and that in community we can help each other to see this grace alive in our lives and relationships. We hope to share our gifts with you, even as we pray that you will want to share your gifts with us. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your life’s journey, we invite you to be a part of our lives and our spiritual home. Welcome!



CALLED TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FAMILY

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the registration pads at the ends of the pews on the center aisle.
We ask that you please shut off cell phones and practice quietness during the
service.*

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the worship
in Romig Hall (lower level of elevator or stairs).*

** = You are invited to stand as you are able*

Prelude

Communion

A. Guilmant

Welcoming the Light of Love in Our Midst

We prepare ourselves for communing with the sacred as love’s light is brought into our awareness. The light of love burns within and among each of us, and we carry that light into our sanctuary; visually reminding us of the image of the divine that

lives in our hearts, minds, and souls – and that we nourish through our faith-filled fellowship.

Affirming God’s Presence in Us All

“You Matter!”

***Hymn for Gathering and Unity**

“Gather Us In”

see insert

***Centering Our Souls**

You, Creator God, have created us all in your image.

We are one humanity, and one creation, all revealing the goodness that is you.

In a world where we divide ourselves from one another by nationality, religion, gender, sexual identity, ethnicity, social class, and political affiliation you remind us to see ourselves as siblings of one another – all of us being your children.

We are sisters and brothers of one another. Within each one is the image of the divine.

Enable us to see this sacredness in each other – especially when our disagreements keep us from seeing others as family.

Grant us courage to advocate for others as we would for ourselves and our children.

We are equals in worth and dignity. Help make us equals in how we care for one another.

May we relearn to love as children, welcoming, accepting, and befriending all whom we meet. May it be so now and always.

Our Stories of Random Acts of Kindness & Intentional Deeds of Compassion

WE LISTEN FOR THE SACRED IN THE MIDST OF OUR LIVES

Choral Anthem

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

Traditional Caribbean tune

Arr. by John Bell, Graham Maule, and Marty Haugen

A Time for All God’s Children

Prayers

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation: The Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer Jesus Taught (unison) *Please feel free to do the version you know, or the one below:*

“Our heavenly Creator, sacred be your name: your kin-dom* come, your will be done, on earth as if 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen”

**"Kin-dom" is an inclusive, non-authoritarian, and egalitarian term that reminds us that we are all "kin" as the children of God.*

***Hymn of Loving Community** “Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers” **#397**

Scripture Lesson Mark 10.1-31

Message “One World Where All Are Equals”

***Hymn for Unity of Spirit** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” **#391**

WE CELEBRATE OUR UNITY AS GOD’S CREATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: A World Communion Liturgy

(As God calls all people, no exceptions, to the table of forgiveness and loving fellowship, Faith UCC affirms an open Communion Table. All persons are welcome to partake of this sacrament which affirms that we are all part of God’s family and are to commune together in sacred relationship. Therefore, all who wish to join in this ritual of unity are invited to do so, regardless of religious affiliation, providing that you do so in the spirit of peace and mutual love for one another.)

“A World Communion Liturgy”

An Introduction to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Presentation of the Breads and Juices of the World: A Bounty of Blessing

Invitation to the Sacrament

Partaking of the Elements

(Walk down center aisle, around table, & return by side aisles)

(The breads and juices from the 6 inhabited continents of the world are in pairs on the altar table, labeled as to the kind that each is, and from what area of the world that they are associated. Each person is encouraged to partake of any or all breads and juices by dipping a morsel in the cup, remembering our connection as brothers and sisters with those in other parts of the world. The act of tasting the variety of breads and drinks, reminds us that what is holy is always before us and in many forms if we are willing to be present to its presence.)

Commissioning

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE THROUGH FAITHFULNESS

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

"Generosity arises from gratitude like heat arises from fire.

Like fire, gratitude is lovely to see;

but when it warms others with generosity,

that is when it becomes a true blessing."

Offertory "Organ Improvisation"

***Song of Dedication**

Tune: Old Hundredth; p. 7

The light of love does shine most bright when all are siblings in our sight;

We are one fam'ly on this earth; we are God's children from our birth.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O God who prods us to be earnest in caring, dutiful in sharing, joyful in giving, and abundant in gratitude: We pray that these tithes of our income, and offerings of our spirit, will be blessed for your purposes near and far. We are doubly blessed in our giving – being able to, and doing so freely from our hearts. Remind us not to be prideful in giving, nor ashamed in receiving; for we are here for each other – sowing seeds of compassion that will feed the world, and together reaping a harvest of peace. May it be so.

*Encouragement for the Journey

Postlude

Short Prelude and Fugue in C Major.

J. S. Bach

*The Light of Love Goes into the World

Love's light is not extinguished from our worship, but is transferred from the flame of the candles to the passion in our hearts that we may go forth to let the light of love shine through us as we go to serve in the world!

WE GO FORTH AS PEACEMAKERS TO CREATE JUSTICE FOR ALL

*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.

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 Interim Pastor — Rev. Bret Myers
Fellowship — The Congregation, Honoring the Caring Network Team

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman
Organist—Mark Ferraguto Choir Director — Marinda Jenkins
Administrative Assistant — Jeff Stormer

The liturgies for this morning's worship, along with the Song of Dedication, were written by Rev. Bret S. Myers except where otherwise noted.

Prayers for healing and wholeness:

The family of Cyndy Engle (Marilyn's daughter-in-law),
Jo Ann Edwards, K. Thompson, June Irvin, Ben and
Louise Harris, Jane Sheckells, Dan and Eileen Pfaff,
Susie Keck, Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter),
Brandon G., Lisa Neidigh, Katelynn Wilson, Darlene
Ripka, April S., Randy Brown (Aimee's Dad), the
Piggot's family, Robert Zupp (Eileen Pfaff's nephew), the Snook family.

*God Answers
Knee Mail*

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