

Faith United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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You are welcome here!

March 8, 2020

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM



*stand as you are able

Prelude

"Attende domine,"

Jeanne Demessieux

Pastoral Welcome

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Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: As winter makes way for spring and we are reminded of fresh mercy,

People: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.

L: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

P: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection, prayer and repentance,

We affirm our identity as God's beloved children.

***Prayer of Confession**

Where there is fear in my heart, I confess my need for your peace.

Where I have spoken too quickly with harsh words, forgive my tongue.

When I stubbornly thought my way was the best and did not listen, open my ears to listen to others..

When I have caused harm to ones I love, forgive me.

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew my spirit.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

God's love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way through any confusion in our life. God's love always provides an open path back to God in the mercy of Jesus who died and rose from the grave. Live as renewed people this week through the Spirit's power.

***Sung Response**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

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

Scripture

Luke 7:36-50

Colossians 3:13

Special Music Forgiveness by Matthew West
Marinda Jenkins, soloist

Sermon **Forgive One Another**

***Sermon Hymn** In the Bulb There is a Flower **#433**

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....

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

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**

**Open our ears to the struggles around us;
open our voices to speak out for justice;
open our hearts to welcome the forgotten;
open our treasures so they may be used to care for all your children.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn** God Be With You
#81

*Blessing

Postlude

"Ah Lord, Poor Sinner that I am"

J. Pachelbel

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.



March Special Offering



One Great Hour
OF SHARING

[One Great Hour of Sharing](http://onegreathourofsharing.org/)

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<http://www.ucc.org/oghs>)

One Great Hour is a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters. Learn more at: <http://onegreathourofsharing.org> Make checks payable to Faith UCC with "OGHS" noted in the memo line, or use the special envelope on Sunday, March 29th.

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 — Lynn DuBois
Usher — Tom Daubert

Pastor — Rev. Jes Kast
Trustee — Tom Daubert

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:

Jane DeBarber, Micah Plggott, the family of Daniel Pfaff, Patty Bittner (Jean's daughter), Lisa V. (John Vincenti's daughter), Darlene Ripka.

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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