

Faith United Church of Christ

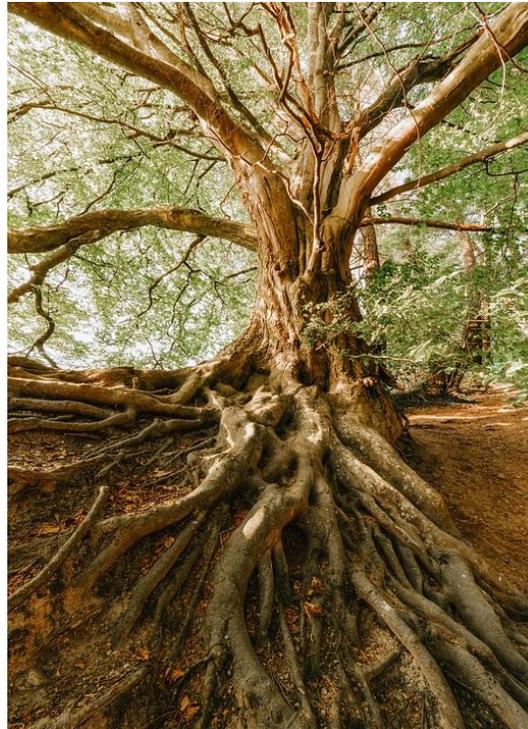
An Open and Affirming Congregation

No Matter who you are, or where you are in life's journey,
You are welcome here!

September 8, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



*stand as you are able

Prelude "Salvation Now Has Come for All" (BuxWV 186), 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: Creator God, you call us to hospitality with each other;

People: to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

L: For in sharing our lives we strengthen the community.

P: Loving God, you call us to give you glory,

L: in the compassion we show to one another.

P: You call us to love without judgment of ourselves or of others.

We come together in prayer to recommit to your abundant love.

We nourish our roots of faith today,

Let our worship lead us to reach out to others in service and in compassion. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Gather Us In

see green insert

***Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us Holy One, for the times we do not place you at the center of our lives.

Be merciful to us when we turn inward and our selfish desires keep us from serving our neighbor. Sometimes we are so hard on ourselves and we need your loving Spirit to remind us that we are accepted and loved and you delight us in us. Help us to feel your grace again.

Moment of Silence for Personal Reflection

***Promise of New Life**

The mercy of God is yours. God removes our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. May God strengthen you with goodness and peace and keep you through the Holy Spirit now until eternal life. Amen.

***Sung Response**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

***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.

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 1

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon **Rooted Faith**

***Hymn** Come and Find the Quiet Center see yellow insert

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.*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN Let us Talents and Tongues Employ **#347**

PASTORAL INVITATION

No matter who you are or where you are in your journey, Christ invites you to this table of the feast of grace and love! We are so glad you are here!

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right is to give you our thanks and praise. You created the earth and you called it good. You created humans and blessed us with your spirit. You draw us together today at the feast of abundant love so that this food may heal our spirits and lead us to do justice in our community. You have set a table where there is room for all of us and there is enough food. You are the good God who prepares a feast and together we sing our praises to you:

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: 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. There is a gluten free option available for you. You are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing at this time if you choose not to partake in the elements. We will serve communion to you in the pew if you are unable to come forward.)

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.

Worshiping together, like a forest of aspen trees, in the unity of our faith we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray....



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.



September Special Offering [Park Forest PreSchool](#)



is dedicated to providing low income families with a comprehensive preschool program that includes education, social skills, and developmental motor skills taught by qualified teachers in a friendly, safe environment.

The preschool continues their mission of assisting at-risk children to grow and thrive while preparing them for a successful start in public school.

You can learn more about them on their website: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.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
Trustee — Tom Daubert
Liturgist — Diane Farley

Pastor - Jes Kast
Usher — Tom Daubert, Jane Lee Childs

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

Please contact the office ahead of visits.

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