

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!

June 9, 2019

Sacred Fellowship 10:45 AM

Pentecost



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*stand as you are able

Prelude

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" (Op. 5, no. 9)

Paul Manz

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: Come one and all as the Holy Spirit will fill us with love today.

**People: Open our eyes, Holy Spirit, to see the presence of God all around us,
in the stillness of this sacred space,**

L: in the busyness and noise of our city streets,

**P: in the joys and celebrations of our lives,
in the tragedies and struggles that break our hearts.**

Come one and all as the Holy Spirit meets us here today.

Revive our hearts and minds in this worship,

So that we may serve each other in our community through the Spirit's love.

***Opening Hymn**

All Are Welcome

see insert (HPP 550)

***Prayer of Confession**

We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost, but hold only the ashes of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others. We want you to show us the secrets of the kingdom, never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children, the memories of older folks, the dreams of the young all around us.

Have mercy on us, and pour out your Spirit, God of amazing days. When we pull the shutters of our souls shut, fling them open with the breath of wonder. When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love, pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our emptiness so we may fill others.

***Promise of New Life**

Hear the good news for us. God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace.

Thanks be to God! The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, and fills us with hope. We are forgiven and made new. Amen.

***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.

***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

Acts 2:1-21

L: A word from the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

***Hymn**

Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound

#265

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

INVITATION

L: Sisters, brothers, and siblings of God, this is the joyful feast of God's love. Come from the east and west, from the north and south and gather around Christ's table.

P: Behold how good and pleasant it is when kindred dwell in unity together!

L: The Holy Spirit rests upon each of us gathered here as we are granted the presence of God at this holy meal. Each and everyone of you are welcome at this table. It is Christ's table and the invitation has been given to each one of us through the grace of Jesus himself. Come to table of grace where each one of us belongs. May this holy meal feed the fire in your belly to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in the anointing of the Spirit's love and guidance.

COMMUNION PRAYER

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give our thanks and praise to God

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

L: O God, whose Pentecostal spirit

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.

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, so that as we eat and drink of them, we may be fed and nourished with the body and blood of Christ, and so be united with Christ until we shall feast face to face with him at the glorious table of heaven.

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

(Pastor will give instructions on how communion will be taken today)

Closing Prayer

Having met Jesus at the feast of God's banquet, may these gifts nourish us in our time to come. May the grace we have found here transform our lives as we seek to witness the Holy Spirit working through each one of us. May these gifts strengthen our lives to love ourselves, love our neighbor, love the earth, and love our God through the grace we have found here today. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#286

***Blessing**

Postlude

They'll Know We Are Christians"

W. Held

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.



June Special Offering



Strengthen the Church (UCC) The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on

its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. <http://www.ucc.org/stc>

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 — Larry Bair

Fellowship — Jean Cole

Communion Servers — Jaye Herrick, June Irvin, Andrea Miles, Cyndi Vincenti

Guest Preacher: Rev Ann Graves

Liturgist — Lois Bair

Church Staff

Custodian — Scott Luzier

Organist—Mark Ferraguto

Pastor - Jes Kast

Church School Coordinator — Barbara Chellman

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), 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.

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