



# Faith United Methodist Church

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8:00 AM

Worship Leader – Barb Hilty

10:15 AM

Worship Leader – Lynn Pyle

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Rally Sunday

## Commissioning Our Sunday School Teachers/Staff and Students

September 12, 2021

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from John 11:25)

Leader: "I am the resurrection and the life," said Jesus:

**People: Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

#### ***Standing on the Promises***

(U.M. Hymnal) No.374

*(1) Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
gory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**Refrain** *Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*(4) Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.*

**Refrain** *Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior.  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**We are welcomed into your presence this day by your gracious hospitality, O God. Grant that we lay aside our cares and anxieties to concentrate our thoughts on you alone. Open us to the teaching and guidance for living which we receive, that we will be strengthened to walk with you and follow wherever you lead us. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR COMMISSIONING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**Leader:** God of creation, you have gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity. We pray you would fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit. Fill them with energy and insight into your Word, the story of Your faithful heart.

**Teachers/Staff:** You have not called us to be perfect; you have called us to be faithful. You have not called us to be all-knowing; you have called us to believe. We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching. Grant us wisdom, patience, and joy in our preparation and teaching of your Word.

**Congregation:** God of hope, guide each teacher and student as they study your Word. Strengthen the gifts you have given them, and energize their compassion, remind us to find ways to support and encourage them throughout the year. May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.

**All:** We commit ourselves, each to our part, in this joyful task. May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

James 3:1-12

(NRSV) Pg.230

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** Offering plates will Not be passed

**\* DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Praise God, the source of all our gifts!*  
*Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*  
*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 94

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Lord, may you find us to be worthy stewards of the gifts that you gave us. May we honor you with our talents, time, and attitude today. Amen,**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

***Freely, Freely***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 389

*(1) God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born a gain in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to show his love as he told me to.*

***Refrain*** *He said, Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.*

*(2) All Power is given in Jesus' name,  
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share his power as he told me to.*

***Refrain*** *He said, Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.*

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 8:27-38

(NRSV) Pg. 43

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** Social distancing PASSING of the PEACE – Please NO physical contact - WAVE

**MESSAGE**

***Who Is Jesus?***

**\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**APOSLTES" CREED (In Unison)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory Be to the Father***

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

**There's Within My Heart a Melody**

(U.M. Hymnal No. 380)

*(1) There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low;  
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.*

**Refrain** *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*

*(4) Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the stary sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with him on high.*

**Refrain** *Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*

\*BENEDICTION

(Adapted from Romans 8:38-39)

Pastor: We stand firm in the conviction that neither death nor life,

**People: neither the present nor the future,**

Pastor: not even anything the enemy might bring upon us,

**People: can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Pastor: And all God's children said,

**All: Amen!**

\*HYMN OF PEACE

**Let There Be Peace on Earth**

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 431

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God our creator, children all are we.*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;*

*to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

In-person attendance week ending 9/05/21 = 78

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 9/05/21

**OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**2021 Annual Operating Budget: \$317,917**

NEED EACH WEEK \$ 6,114.00

RECEIVED 9/05/21 \$ 7,656.71

NEED TO DATE \$ 220,104.00

RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 225,895.16

(-) **SHORTAGE/ (+)SURPLUS \$ +5,791.16**

## Prayer List – Faith UMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

### Prayer requests received week of September 5:

1. Dr. Matthew Harris, Penn Trafford School District Superintendent, pray for God's gifts and graces to guide him during a difficult time with making decision with the pandemic.
2. Prayers for Straw Soffronoff, a friend of Lynn Pyle. Straw has a blood clot in the ball of her eye. She is receiving shots in her eye hoping that it will dissolve the blood clot. Prayer for healing and comfort.

### Prayer requests received week of August 29:

1. Mike Kleya, a friend/co-worker of Bev Fensch and a member of the Elliott golf league who is fighting cancer. He recently got some bad news that it has spread.
2. Britanniann who is 27 years old and is suffering from daily headaches is having testing done on her spinal cord. Prayers for healing and a resolution to her headaches.
3. Doreen Wachter, Lisa Fair's mother is having complications from surgery and she is under hospice care. Prayers for comfort and peace for Doreen, Lisa and her family members during this stressful time.
4. Matthew Plance has been diagnosed with Mesenteric Adenitis, this is inflammation of lymph nodes in his back. Prayers for pain relief and complete healing.

### Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Dave Morris, Kathy Kosmatine, Steve & Su Iwanicki, Debby Rager, Dave & Penny Carroll, Jack & Emogene Blair, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Chris Scoletti, Michael Scoletti, Ronna Ryman, Obreda Fyock, Bill & Mary Weyel, Joe Ramus, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Mary & Bob Zacharias, Shirley Fabrizi, Kim Keller, Sarah Rowe, Randi, Stephanie Taczak, Charlie & Della, and Fred Roac.

## OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

<b>Sunday Sept 12</b>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service Rally Day Picnic
<b>Monday Sept 13</b>	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday Sept 14</b>	7:00 PM	Finance Meeting
<b>Wednesday Sept 15</b>	7:00 PM	Choir Practice October Newsletter Deadline
<b>Thursday Sept 16</b>		
<b>Friday Sept 17</b>		
<b>Saturday Sept 18</b>	11:00 AM	Cindy Raptosh Memorial Service held @ Faith UMC Luncheon to follow @ Lamplighter Restaurant
<b>Sunday Sept 19</b>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM To follow 10:15 AM Service	17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service Church Council & Church Conference Meeting

Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to serve you in the Name of Christ.  
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## FUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 9.12.21

### FUMC Announcement:

- Sunday, September 26, a second offering will be taken at both services for those affected by hurricane Ida. As you leave the service, ushers will have offering plates for your gift.
- Saturday, September 18, Cindy Raptosh Memorial Service will be held at Faith UMC for 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow at Lamplighter Restaurant, Delmont. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering area.

### Office Announcement:

- Faith UMC is seeking a Secretary for our office. The position is part-time with competitive wages. You must be efficient in Word, Excel, and Publisher. Having website and social media skills would be a plus. Please submit resume to [DelmontFaithUMC@gmail.com](mailto:DelmontFaithUMC@gmail.com).

### Outreach Opportunities at Faith: (please contact Joy Spang if you have any questions)

- **College Care Packages:** We are currently collecting items to send to our college students (Dori Hankins, Cassidy Glunt, Lauren Young, Evelyn Siler and Samantha Robinson). Care packages will be assembled on Sunday, September 6th. See August Faith Flyer for additional information.
- **Meals on Wheels Desserts:** 60 regular desserts and 8 diabetic desserts are needed for October. Sign-up sheet located on Action Table.
- **Grab and Go Operation Fresh Express:** Volunteers are needed to hand out food on Monday, October 11 in our parking lot. This will be a drive thru distribution. Clients will remain in their vehicles. Sign-up sheet located on Action Table.
- **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** For the month of September, we are collecting small inside games. Examples, puzzles, beachballs, jacks, whistles, cards. We also need baby dolls.
- **Meet an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Recipient:** Alex Nsengimana, growing up in the midst of an unstable Rwandan government, experienced first-hand the travesties of his nation's genocide. To find out more about how God protected and intervened in his life after surviving the Rwandan genocide, join us for a special time of Alex telling his story of redemption and forgiveness.

Date: Friday, September 24

Time: 11 am - 12 pm

Place: Champion Christian School, North Campus

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