



# Faith United Methodist Church

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Popovich

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8:00 AM

Worship Leader – Penny Carroll

Greeter: Jack & Laura Crescenzo

10:15 AM

Worship Leader – Dave Morris

Greeter: Robin Tarr

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## Nineth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Sunday (In the Pews) August 7, 2022

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*indicates the congregation may stand

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ lived and preached forgiveness and love among us.**

Leader: We are witnesses to his mighty acts.

**People: Christ rose from the dead and appear to us still.**

Leader: We rejoice in the living Savior.

**People: Come; let us worship the God of love and life!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

#### **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 140

*(1) Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

**(Refrain)** *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*(3) Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

**(Refrain)** *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

\*PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Our worship would be worthless if you were not present, Father. We thank you for being here among us. We ask that you make us constantly aware of your presence that we may be willing to follow as the Holy Spirit leads. Give us humility to set aside our best-laid plans and follow you instead. This day is for you. Help us not to make it about us. We surrender to your leading as we worship. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

(NRSV) Pg. 225

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

\* DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love; use it to bring peace, justice, and comfort to all the world. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

(NRSV) Pg. 75

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

***The Meaning of Faith!***

\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory Be to the Father***

(U.M. Hymnal) No.70

*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.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

***Let Us Break Bread Together***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 618

*Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*(2) Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*(3) Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.*

\*THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to our table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (In Unison)

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*CHORUS OF PRAISE

### ***Open Our Eyes, Lord***

(TFWS Hymnal ) No. 2086

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.*

*Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.*

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

### ***Repeat***

Pastor: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "**This is my body which is broken for you, as often as you eat of it, do this in remembrance of me.**" After supper, He took the cup and blessed it and gave it to His disciples and said, "**This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, as often as you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me.**"

## COMMUNION OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(In the Pews)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## \*CLOSING HYMN

### ***Be Still, My Soul***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 534

*(1) Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.*

*Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;*

*leave to your God to order and provide;*

*in every change God faithful will remain.*

*Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend*

*through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*(3) Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on*

*when we shall be forever with the Lord,*

*when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,*

*sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,*

*all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: May all your days know God's amazing grace,

**People: Christ's incredible peace,**

Leader: and the Holy Spirit's extraordinary joy.

And all God's children said,

**All: Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*The flowers on the altar are given by the Boe Family in memory of Jean Branthoover\***

Please stay in the pews until the Pastor has exited.

**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 request to mention week of Aug 7<sup>th</sup>:**

1. Roy- cancer on his head went into skull. He had surgery and is now healing. The cancer has not spread any further
2. Gloria & Diane both have Covid, Their Mom Reni has blood clots in her lungs from Covid
3. Nick Coppage- having PET scan Thursday
4. Emily (Yvonne Tuaczak's sister)- having a total knee replacement this Tuesday
5. Patty – diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
6. Kathy Wilson- she had her surgery and is now home
7. Continued prayers for Liam who was in a lawnmower accident
8. Harry- was in the hospital for UTI and continues with treatment at home
9. Mason (7 years old) just found out he has a malignant brain tumor. Pray for him and his family.

**Prayer request to mention week of July 31<sup>st</sup>:**

1. Julie Lintz - was in hospital for a bleeding ulcer. Recovering at home now.
2. Ed Kane - passed away a couple of weeks ago. He made the candy canes for Faith for Christmas Eve.
3. Natalie Berlin - had surgery this past Tuesday for her ankle.
4. Lee's Mom - that there will be an opening for her at Seneca.

**Continued prayers for:**

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Kathy Kosmatine, Steve & Su Iwanicki, Dave & Penny Carroll, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Ronna Ryman, Obreda Fyock, Bill & Mary Weyel, Joe Ramus, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob & Mary Zacharias, Mike Kleva, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Mike DiVincenzo, Jeff DiVincenzo, Dave Morris, Jane List, Marge Kratofil, Jack & Emogene Blair, Sue Harmuth, Bennett Williams, Martha

**OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM**

<b>Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
	10:15 AM	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -Worship Service
<b>Tuesday Aug 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Wednesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	Griefshare Support Group
<b>Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Friday Aug 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Saturday Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Aug 13<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -Worship Service
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	10:15 AM	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost -Worship Service

**FUMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 8.7.22**

- **Choir practice** will begin Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. It is a great hour of fellowship. Christine and Holly are still welcoming anyone who would like to share music for the first or second service throughout the year.



**Continued donations to the parking lot fund are appreciated and will go towards the repayment of the \$26,000 loan from S&T Bank.**



PARKING LOT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
Sunday, September 11th is RALLY DAY!

Come RALLY with all your Faith Church friends on Sunday, September 11, 2022, as we reunite and get re-energized for a new year of ministry in Christ's Name.

On Rally Day...

- We will have joy-filled worship at 8:00 am and 10:15 am, and
  - dedicate our Sunday School Teachers,
  - receive a 2nd offering to reduce the parking lot loan,
  - welcome back the choir (10:15 am service)
- Sunday School will be back in session at 9:00 am.
- We'll have our Church-wide potluck picnic at 11:30 am. Hot dogs provided.
- There will be outdoor activities and games for all ages.
- We'll enjoy s'mores and fellowship around the fire pit.

Let's have a great turn-out for renewing our efforts for Sharing Christ's Love Through Faith!

- Our Griefshare group will be meeting every Wednesday at 7:00PM in the Conference room. For more info please reach out to Sue Sonafelt or Bill Soule.
- A sign-up sheet is posted on the choir door for anyone who would like to do special music during the summer months. You can do one service or both. Anyone interested can also contact Christine or Holly.
- Don't forget that forms to **register for Sunday School** this fall are on the Action Table. Pre-registration is appreciated and can be done on-line as well. Have your child bring a friend and invite kids in your neighborhood to join in the good times of Sunday School at Faith Church.

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PIZZA AND SALAD ON THE PORCH:** The new fellowship group at Faith UMC, *Visions & Dreams*, is holding their third event of the summer on *Tuesday, August 16th, beginning at 5:30 pm.* We will be eating pizza and salad on the porch and utilizing the fire pit. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will dine inside. Bring a lawn chair if you plan to join us around the fire pit for laughter and s'mores. Consider bringing a cushion or stadium chair for comfortable seating on the porch benches. As always, name tags will be available to pick up on your way to join the gathering on the porch. **The**

**deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 14th.** This allows Joy and Marcy to know how many pizzas to order, how much salad to prepare, and how much water, iced tea, and soda to provide. This sign-up sheet is on the Action Table in the Gathering Area. Please direct any questions or desire to assist Joy or Marcy.



**"DOGS" ON THE PORCH: Save the Date: Tuesday, September 27.** *Visions & Dreams* is holding their fourth event. Join your Faith Family at 5:30 pm for dinner on the porch. More details to follow.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes:** Imagine the joy on a child's face when they open their shoebox filled with an amazing assortment of toys. Our goal this year is to pack 240 *quality* filled shoeboxes in October at our packing party. May a child feel Jesus' love in our shoeboxes. On Sunday, August 7th, at 9:00 am we will be folding shoeboxes in preparation for our packing party in October.



**Blackburn Center Donations:** During August join the Tabitha Circle in donating items to the Blackburn Center. This year we are focusing on donating the following items: kitchen utensils (spatulas, etc.), single-serving juice boxes, pillows, children's pajamas- sizes 10-12 & 14-16, child-sized utensils, child-sized plates and bowls, comforters and Bed-in-a-Bag sets (twin & full). Last day to donate is Sunday, August 28,

**MEALS ON WHEELS DESSERTS:** Faith Church will be providing desserts in August for Delmont's Meals on Wheels. 48 Regular and 6 Diabetic desserts are needed. Thank you to everyone who signed up to make desserts.



**Fellowship and Service:** This group meets every Sunday in fellowship hall at 9 AM for fellowship and the opportunity to work on items to place in our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If crafts aren't your thing, that's okay, come join us for refreshments and fellowship.

In-person attendance week ending 7/31/2022 = 103

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 7/31/2022

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

**2022 Annual Operating Budget: \$337,667.07**

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,493.60	NEED TO DATE	\$ 201,300.60
RECEIVED 07/31/2022	\$ 5,905.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 193,624.36
		<b>(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS - \$ 7,676.24</b>	
CAMPERSHIP GOAL 6/1/2022-5/31/2023:			\$ 10,000.00
RECEIVED	\$ 225.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 7,495.00