

**FAITH UNITED CHURCH  
OF  
CHRIST**



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 9, 2024**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE**

*Oh, Holy One your love indeed endures forever. We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit this day as we worship together in beloved community, the realm of your Love. Be with us in our singing and praising as we share the Word together in Jesus' name. Amen*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP**

**\* OPENING HYMN: SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER** **505**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts;  
before all creation we sing your praises

**People:** We bow down toward your holy temple and give  
thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,

**Pastor:** For you have exalted your name and your word above  
everything.

**People:** On the day we called, you answered us; you increased  
our strength of soul.

**Pastor:** Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us  
against our adversaries.

**People:** Your steadfast love, O Holy One, endures forever.

**REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\* CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

**\* THE KYRIE**

**750**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: O Lord, open out lips.

**People: And our mouths will show forth our praise.**

**\* THE GLORIA PATRI**

**759**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* WE SHARE PEACE – LET THERE BE PEACE OF EARTH**

*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, we are Family*

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

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

*With ev'ry 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*

## LEARNING ABOUT GOD

### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Samuel 8:4 -11; 16 – 20

Gospel: Mark 3:20 – 35

### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN: *SWEET SPIRIT***

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**SERMON: *Family Fights***

### DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

#### \* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**Pastor:** We are God's work of art - each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.

**People:** **We are God's handiwork - woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.**

**Pastor:** We are the church of Jesus Christ - diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

**People:** **We are the Body of Christ - living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love, throughout the world he loved so much.**

**Pastor:** We are here to be reminded once more who we are, whose we are and what our lives are about.

**People:** **We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered to live out the miracle of who we are, by the power of God working in and among us.**

**Unison:** **We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.**

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: Ever living and ever loving God, we praise you for your loving presence with us.

Come, Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies - that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love; that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.

Come, Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal - that communication can be open; that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate; that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill your church - that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours; that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your presence - so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name.

*(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)*

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING OFFERTORY

#### \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780

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

#### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

#### \* CLOSING HYMN: *ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL* 31

#### \* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

#### \* MEDITATION

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### \* POSTLUDE

\*Would those who are able please stand.

**Welcome to Faith Church this Third Sunday after Pentecost.** We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

**The altar flowers this morning are presented by Rose Mirth in honor of Patrick McAndrew on his birthday.**

**Today is Joyful Noise Sunday. Help to make a joyful noise!!!**

**Parish Administrator Sandy David is on vacation this week.**

**We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to elect members of Consistory. We will also be honoring Fathers and Graduates during worship. Be sure to join us!**

**There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 29 at 2 pm in memory of our dear friend Mike Ford. Mike's nieces are planning a simple reception following the Service and are looking for a "head count" to plan. If you are planning to attend call or email Sandy by June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Summer Volunteer Schedule is hanging in the Narthex. Please fill in where you can help in July, August, or September. Thank you.**

**Share your special musical talents with the congregation over the summer. Whether you are a vocalist or play any instrument, speak with Dennis Duda to get a Sunday slot just for you! Thank you!**

**Pastor Bruce has a new email address effective immediately –  
pastorbruce.faithucc@outlook.com**

## **CALENDAR**

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm; Friday Closed

**Today - 10:15 am Worship**

**Monday - Sandy on Vacation**

**Tuesday - Sandy on Vacation**  
**- 9:00 am Pastor's Meeting**  
**- 2:00 pm Faith in Stitches**

**Wednesday - Sandy on Vacation**

**Thursday - Sandy on Vacation**  
**- 3:00 pm Mission Meeting**

**Friday - Office Closed; Pastor's Day Off**

**Sunday - 10:15 am Worship**

*Thanks to our volunteers:*

	<b>June 9th</b>	<b>June 16th</b>
Head Usher:	Melissa Shafer	Melissa Shafer
Ushers:	Doris Horwath Deb Herstine	Karen & Chuck Talboo
Lay Reader:	Rose Mirth	Karen Talboo
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