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Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Accommodations: Faith offers large print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones for your use located on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use what you need and return. If you have any questions, please ask the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance or contact Jennifer Young, Faith's Accessibility Coordinator, at young.jennifer@gmail.com to request any other accommodations for future worship services.

WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: *Adoration* (1951)

Dr. Michael Wu, organ
Florence Beatrice Price, 1887-1953

Welcome

Rachel Hedrick, Leadership Board, member

Call to Worship

Jeff Bryant, liturgist

WORD

Anthem: *Give me Jesus* (1978)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum, 1931-1987

Scripture Reading: John 4: 4 - 42 (CEB)

Readers' Theater
Jeff Bryant, Nancy Kuhn, Marie Day

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #474: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Congregation, Dr. Michael Wu, organ

WONDER

Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell and Communion Stewards

Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. From the servers on the side you were seated, you will receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer not to receive by dipping bread in a common cup, OR if you need gluten free elements, there are gluten free self-contained communion elements in a basket in the center between the two server teams. Please take one and return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Mission Moment: Foundation Grantees

Rebecca Cole, Gaithersburg Beloved Community Foundation
Rodney Elam, Rockville Housing Enterprises Foundation

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Jeff Bryant

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #618: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Congregation

Sending Forth

Dr. Michael Wu, organ

Postlude: *My Lord, What a Mornin'* (1986)

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Dr. Michael Wu, piano

Spiritual, arr. Calvin Taylor, b. 1948



VISITORS



If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to scan the QR code to let us know that you joined us today. If you would rather, you may complete a blue guest card that is available from a welcome host, then drop it in the offering chest.

OFFERING

We are not passing an offering plate at this time. An offering box has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex. You may also scan the QR code to give online.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

This evening, middle and high school youth will meet at Faith UMC for activities, food and fun.

For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

FAITH FOUNDATION

Faith United Methodist Church members can be proud of the Faith Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation affiliated with the church, that supports charitable organizations in the Maryland/DC/Virginia area.

The Foundation has money, contributed in the past by Faith UMC members. At the end of 2025, the foundation had \$188,000 invested prudently.

The Foundation's policy is to distribute annually to charities any positive difference between investment income and the cost-of-living increase and offers grants of no more than \$2,000 apiece to not-for-profit organizations that apply in the spring. Grants are decided upon by the Foundation board appointed by the Leadership Board.

Current board members are Gordon Henley, chair; Rick Reinhard, vice chair; and board members Melissa Harke, James Hedrick, Tamara James-Fish, Jim Johnston, and Bruce Werber.

Our 2025 grantees were: **Gaithersburg Beloved Community Foundation**, \$2,000; **Rockville Housing Enterprises Foundation**, \$2,000; **Just Neighbors**, \$2,000; **Aspen Hill Cooperative Nursery School**, \$1,600; **Community FarmShare**, \$2,000; **Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless**, \$2,000. Faith UMC also contributes to worthy organizations through its annual operating budget. Over the next three weeks, we are inviting to our Sunday services all six grantees—two per week—to put faces to these organizations and give us the opportunity to learn about their work and their needs.

After a solid year for investments, we expect significant investment proceeds that can be used for future grants. As of the end of 2025, those net proceeds would exceed what we awarded last year. Faith UMC members are welcome to contact and nominate non-profit organizations in the DMV area for grant consideration with an application when the grant cycle opens in the next few months. Foundation board members do not advise on details of individual grant proposals and projects but are available for general questions about the Foundation and its process.

We encourage Faith UMC members to consider contributing to the Faith Foundation should you wish to support organizations serving our neighbors.

JOIN US FOR CROCKPOT FRIDAY

Friday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

We will gather for a time of fellowship and care for one another and share a simple meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community and enjoy meaningful conversation together.

We need five crockpot dishes to share. If you are willing to provide food, please reach out to Tim Evans at advisors@starpower.net. If you're able to assist with set-up, please arrive about 10 minutes early. Clean-up will be a shared effort—many hands make light work.

Let's see where this gathering takes us!



BLOWOUT PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 17 at 5 p.m.

On February 17, Faith Church is celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Shrove Tuesday is your last chance for a blowout meal—gluten-free available—before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

The day is also known as Mardi Gras, so be ready to eat king cake and find the baby, listen to New Orleans jazz, make your own mask, and just generally be in a celebratory mood. By the way, shrove refers to hearing a confession and giving absolution—but we'll never tell.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday, February 22 following worship

This event has been rescheduled for February 22nd. We hope you will join us!

Love in action is UNSTOPPABLE



United
Women
in Faith



Sunday, February 22, 2026
following worship in room 205/206
at Faith UMC
6810 Montrose Rd
Rockville, MD 20852

United Women in Faith Interest Meeting

Come learn, connect, and see what sisterhood in action looks like.

Curious about United Women in Faith? This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to learn more about who we are, what we stand for, and how women of all ages are living out love in action.

Whether you're new, returning, or just exploring, there's a seat for you.

Rev. Laura Novell, Pastor

Nancy Kneisly, President, UWFaith

What to expect:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Overview of United Women in Faith
- Ways to get involved locally
- There will be time for questions.



JOIN US AND BECOME
UNSTOPPABLE

Scan QR Code to join us on UWFaith
Digital

You can find more information on our national website UWFaith.org. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Stay curious. Come as you are.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please note that the calendar for 2026 to sponsor the altar flowers is on the wall in the Narthex. We invite you to sign up for a specific date(s) and complete a pink slip (found below the calendar). Drop it with a check in the offering chest or mail them to the church office. You may also pay online at our website: www.FaithWorksHere.com.

TRY SOMETHING NEW -Welcome Host

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Audio Visual Volunteer: Andy Basford

Congregational Welcome: Rachel Hedrick

Fellowship Hosts: Andy & Laura Basford

Liturgist: Jeff Bryant

Money Counters: Jan Spencer, Gary Clark

Nursery Caregivers: Lesley Avery, Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Lloydie Zaiser

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Sunday School Teachers:

- Elementary School Teachers: Dawn Adair Johnson,

Ann Coppersmith, Caroline Babula, Jan Spencer

- Middle School Teachers: Chuck Spencer, Dave Cope

Welcoming Hosts: Bill Beisner, Bruce Werber

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor | Ann Bartlow, Organist | André Coleman, Tenor
Section Leader | Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager | Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator | Kim Webster, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director

JESUS: Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.

SAMARITAN: I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.

JESUS: I Am—the one who speaks with you.

NARRATOR: Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people:

SAMARITAN: Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?

NARRATOR: They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus. In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

JESUS: I have food to eat that you don't know about.

NARRATOR: The disciples asked each other, "Has someone brought him food?"

JESUS: I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. Don't you have a saying, 'Four more months and then it's time for harvest'? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. I have sent you to harvest what you didn't work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.

NARRATOR: Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's word when she testified, "He told me everything I've ever done." So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his word, and they said to the woman:

CONGREGATION: "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world."

NARRATOR: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 4:1-42 (CEB) Readers' Theatre

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

NARRATOR: Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was making more disciples and baptizing more than John (although Jesus' disciples were baptizing, not Jesus himself). Therefore, he left Judea and went back to Galilee.

Jesus had to go through Samaria. He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water.

JESUS: Give me some water to drink.

NARRATOR: His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

SAMARITAN: Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?

NARRATOR: (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

JESUS: If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water.

SAMARITAN: Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.

JESUS: Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.

SAMARITAN: Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!

JESUS: Go, get your husband, and come back here.

SAMARITAN: I don't have a husband.

JESUS: You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband. You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth.'

SAMARITAN: Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



IT'S THAT TIME!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2026

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**JOIN ROCKVILLE YOUTH MINISTRY
FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12TH!**

There is room on the team for everyone who wants to serve, regardless of skill level or experience. We need painters, builders, roofers, plumbers, and helpers. There's always things to carry or hold, and we always work as a team. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator at 202-436-0322 or ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.



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