

Faith United Methodist Church



THE WORK OF MENDING WHAT IS BROKEN



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VISITORS

If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to complete a guest card available from a welcome host. Please drop it in the offering chest or hand it to one of the welcome hosts following the worship service.

ACCOMODATIONS

Faith offers a variety of accessibility resources for your use, including large-print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive-listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones. These items are available on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use whatever you need and return the items after the service. If you have any questions, speak with the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance. You may also contact Jennifer Young, Faith’s Accessibility Coordinator, at young.jennifer@gmail.com to request additional accommodations.

WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: *Improvisation (Trois Improvisations, 1911)*

Ann Bartlow, organ
Nadia Boulanger, 1887–1979

Welcome

Ryan Miller

Call to Worship

Brian Jones, Leadership Board member, Liturgist

ONE: Come, you who bear wounds—seen and unseen.
Come, you whose dignity has been questioned or denied.
Come, you who long for justice and restoration.

ALL: **Come, you who long for a faith that can withstand the world as it is.**
Come, you who struggle to follow Jesus amid competing loyalties.
Come, you who hope for a different kind of reign.

WORD & WONDER

John 12:12-15 (NRSVUE)

Brian Jones

Anthem: *Fanfare for Palm Sunday* (2012)

Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, Conductor

Benjamin Smedberg, organ

Mary McDonald, b. 1956

Children's Message and Reflection

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

A Time for Palms and Hosannas

Congregation

*Hymn #279 *Mantos y Palmos (Filled with Excitement)* Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

John 12:20-26

Brian Jones

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

John 12:27-30

Brian Jones

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

John 12:31-33

Brian Jones

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Brian Jones

Turning

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Anthem: *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* (2008)

Chancel Choir: Nancy Kuhn, Conductor

Ann Bartlow, piano

Stephanie Martin, b. 1962

John 19:16b-22

Brian Jones

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

WHAT NOW?

Prayer

Brian Jones

ONE: God of truth and mercy,

**ALL: we confess how easily we mistake power for glory.
We look for strength that dominates
instead of love that endures.**

Mend our faith.

Reshape our vision.

**Teach us to follow Jesus—
not only in moments of celebration,
but on the road that leads through humility,
through truth,
through love poured out.**

**By your Spirit,
draw us toward the cross—
not as defeat,
but as the place where your glory is revealed
and your mending begins.**

Amen.

Lenten Moment

Michael Buckley

*Hymn #301: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

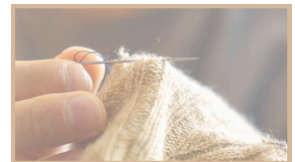
Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: Out of the Depths (based on Aus Tiefer Not by Martin Luther,
1483-1546; Second Movement, First Biblical Sonata, 1700)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Johann Kuhnau, 1660 - 1722; Edit. and arr.: Richard Peek

A LENTEN INVITATION TO CARE FOR OUR PEW RESOURCES

As part of our Lenten focus on mending, we invite you to help care for the worship materials in our pews today. Please take a moment to look at the hymnals and Bibles near your seat. If you notice pages that are simply dog-eared, kindly smooth them out.



If a book appears to need more significant repair, please leave it on the seat in your pew so it can be collected after the service. Thank you for helping us tend to the shared spaces of our Faith community.



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OFFERING

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



WHEN YOU ARE GENEROUS

We are so grateful for all of the ways members and friends of Faith support the church. If you initiate a gift to Faith through a charitable gift fund like Schwab, Fidelity, etc., would you please contact Kim Webster, Finance Manager (kwebster@FaithWorksHere.com) at the church office to let us know? Checks often arrive with no identifying information. We want to be able to express our gratitude and record the gift appropriately and in a timely manner. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS: UPDATE

We appreciate the beauty you help bring to our worship space through the gift of altar flowers. After holding the same price for more than six years, our florist has let us know that—**beginning April 1, 2026—the cost will be \$75.**

If you have already signed up for a date after April 1 and the new price no longer works for you, please feel free to remove your name from the flower calendar in the narthex. We completely understand. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and the care you show our church family.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Today following worship

Faith 101 for new members meets after worship today in room 111.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Today following worship

United Women in Faith (UWF) launched last month with a strong start, welcoming 15 enthusiastic participants.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF will continue to meet the last Sunday following worship each month. We warmly invite you to attend today's gathering in rooms 205/206.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please note that Middle and High School Youth *will not meet this Sunday evening or next Sunday, April 5*. We are pausing gatherings so that our youth may fully observe Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter with their families. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES

REPAIR IS RADICAL

Maundy Thursday — April 2 at 7:30 p.m. (will not be live streamed)

John 19:23–30 | *Mending Through Love Poured Out*

Good Friday — April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

John 19:31–42 | *Mending in the Presence of Death*

At Faith, our tradition is a Tenebrae service and this year, we are excited to be collaborating with Rockville UMC. Join us as we welcome Rev. YouJung Jung and members of the Rockville congregation to observe this solemn and meaningful night together.

Easter (Communion) — April 5 at 10:00 a.m.

John 20:1–18 | *Mending Hope*

YOUTH MINISTRY APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP

The week of July 12th, youth will head south to serve a mission week for Appalachia Service Project (ASP), a non-profit committed to eradicating the substandard housing of central Appalachia. Teams of youth and adults will work on everything from roofing to foundations, to support those most impacted by Hurricane Helene.

If you and/or your youth would like to participate this summer from July 12-18th, please contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator at ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com.



Faith youth serving in central Appalachia last year.

FAITH EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5 following worship

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH FELLOWSHIP TIME

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET OR BAG
TO COLLECT TREATS!



FAITH BY THE FIRE: FAITH SPRING CAMPOUT

Saturday-Sunday, May 2 & 3

Pitch your tent at the family-friendly Little Bennett Campground in Clarksburg, MD. Whether you plan to stay overnight or simply join us for the day's activities, we would love to have you be part of the fun! Campers and non-campers alike are invited to RSVP using the QR code.



Please note: deadline for overnight reservations is April 14. For questions, please contact Chuck Spencer (vcspencer@aol.com) or Sara Romeyn (sarasomeyn@yahoo.com).



SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for March: Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Connor Dowd, Brian Hahs & Jason Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Ryan Miller

Fellowship Hosts: Aurelia, Cora & Ryan Miller & Emily Sama-Miller

Liturgist: Brian Jones

Money Counters: Tim Evans & Jim Johnston

Nursery Caregivers: Carol Henley & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Sunday School Teachers:

- Elementary School Teachers: Caroline Babula, Dawn Adair Johnson, Jan Spencer & Sally Stolz
- Middle School Teachers: Dave Cope & Chuck Spencer
- High School Teachers: Kristen Wayne

Welcome 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

EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline: Wednesday, April 1st

This year, a limited number of potted tulips/hyacinths will be available for Easter. If you wish to sponsor a flower in memory or in honor of loved ones, their names will be included in the Easter bulletin. The contribution for each plant is \$25. Donors may pick up their azalea following the worship service on Sunday, April 5.

Please complete the order form and include a check made payable to Faith UMC (with *Easter Flowers* noted in the memo line). **The form and payment may be placed in the church offering chest, mailed to Faith UMC or email information to the church office: office@FaithWorksHere.com.**

Contributions may also be made online by scanning the QR code below or at www.faithworkshere.com/give and selecting "Easter Flowers" from the *Fund* drop-down menu.

If submitting payment online, please also return the completed order form so that your dedication may be properly recorded.



YOUR NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

IN HONOR OF IN MEMORY OF

NAME OF PERSON HONORED OR MEMORIALIZED:

MAIL TO: Faith UMC 6810 Montrose Rd., Rockville, MD 20852

OR drop in the offering chest.

SECURITY UPGRADES FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING



In the coming weeks, you may notice work taking place around the church as Faith begins implementing several important security upgrades to our building. These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to being good stewards of our facilities and, most importantly, to ensuring the safety of everyone who gathers here for worship, ministry, and community activities.

The upgrades will include the installation of new high-security sanctuary doors with windows for exterior visibility, enhanced access control features on frequently used exterior doors, ADA operators on the sanctuary doors and one set of Fellowship Hall double doors, and a new alarm system with panic buttons that will be directly linked to local law enforcement. We are grateful that these improvements are being made possible through funding awarded to Faith through the Governor's Prevention of Hate Crimes Grant.

Work began this week and is expected to take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. While we do not anticipate major disruptions to building access, there may be brief or temporary inconveniences. For example, the current keypad entry system will be replaced with a newer system and will not be accessible during part of the transition. Once the upgrades are complete, there will be some adjustments to how the building is accessed during the week and on Sunday mornings. As these systems are finalized, we will share additional information and guidance, so everyone feels comfortable and informed when we are ready to transition to the new system.