
FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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: *Thy Word* (1984; piano setting, 2010) Ann Bartlow, piano
Praise Classics, 2010; Amy Grant and Michael Smith, arr. by Mark Hayes b.1953

Welcome Janelle Veazey, Leadership Board member

Call to Worship Arvina Dalaya Gadre, Liturgist

ONE: Come, you who have been held in prayer.
Come, you who have carried others in your heart.

**ALL: We gather not as strangers,
but as partners in the work of the gospel—
bound together by grace,
held together by love.**

ONE: Even now, God is at work among us—
beginning, sustaining, and bringing to completion
what we cannot finish on our own.
So come—with your joy and your weariness,
your hope and your uncertainty.

**ALL: For whether in ease or in struggle,
whether in clarity or confusion,
Christ is being made known among us.
Let us worship the God
who continues the good work in us—
together.**

Confession and Pardon

Arvina Dalaya Gadre

ONE: God of grace,

**ALL: you have called us into a shared life—
a partnership in the gospel—
and still, we resist.
We turn inward instead of toward one another.
Our love grows thin when we are tired,
and cautious when we are afraid.
Forgive us.
Grow in us a deeper love—
one that is wise, generous, and faithful.
Remind us that you are still at work in us,
bringing to completion what you have begun.
We pray in the name of Christ,
who is proclaimed in every circumstance.
Amen.**

ONE: Hear the good news:

The One who began a good work in us
is faithful to bring it to completion.
In Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we are forgiven, restored to one another,
and strengthened for the work of the gospel.
Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

WORD

Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (1979) and *Silent to the Lord* (1998)

Young Singers of Faith: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Gilbert Martin, b. 1941. Music published by Hinshaw Music
Daniel C. Meyer, living. Music published by GIA Publications

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #554: *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord*

Congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:1-18

Arvina Dalaya Gadre

Today's scripture can be found on page #196 of the
New Testament in the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Anthem: *O Love* (2016)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Elaine Hagenberg, b. 1979. Music published by Beckenhurst Press, Inc.

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Arvina Dalaya Gadre

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

**ALL: 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.**

*Hymn #453: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvel

Postlude: *Hornpipe* (1717)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Water Music Suite No. 2 in D Major, HWV 349
George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759



ATTENDANCE

Please take a moment to scan the QR code—whether you are a guest or a member—so we know that you joined us today!



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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry group will not meet this Sunday evening to enable kids to celebrate Mother's Day with their families. Next Sunday, we invite you to the Youth Ministry end-of-year picnic! See details on next page.

YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC

Sunday, May 17 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



We invite youth (middle and high school) and their parents to join us for our end-of-year picnic at Cabin John Park on Sunday, May 17. We'll gather from 5–7 p.m. at Pavilion B for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and fun activities for all ages. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator at ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, May 12 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Geneva Presbyterian Church & Beth Shalom Congregation are co-sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 12.



The drive will be held at Beth Shalom Congregation at 11817 Seven Locks Rd. in Potomac. Sign up to donate by scanning the QR code and use zip code 20854.

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH ANN BARTLOW

Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of music on May 16 at 3 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church. Ann will bring the sanctuary to life with the piano and organ featuring works by Bach, Boulanger, Giacchino, and Vierne — a blend of classics and charm. A reception will follow.



FAITH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Saturday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Community Garden is a group effort and we are thrilled that this is our fourth year growing and harvesting vegetables for our community. Please join us on May 16th to plant seedlings. All ages are welcome; no experience is needed.



To join the garden team, get updates, or ask questions, contact Garden Gurus Sara Romeyn at sara.romeyn@gmail.com, Janelle Veazey at jv448@cornell.edu, or Celina Schmidt at jakecelina@gmail.com.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 17 during worship

Graduation marks an important milestone—a time to celebrate accomplishments and to honor the transition into a new chapter of life. On May 17, we will recognize graduates during the worship service.



If you or someone you love is graduating from high school, college, or a postgraduate program this year, we would be delighted to celebrate with you. Graduates who wish to be recognized are invited to submit the following: a photo of the graduate, the name of the school or program from which they are graduating, and their plans for the next life stage by **Wednesday, May 13** to office@FaithWorksHere.com.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for May: Marie Day

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

Congregational Welcome: Janelle Veazey

Fellowship Hosts: Carol Henley, Julie & Tim Evans & Sara Romeyn

Liturgist: Arvina Dalaya Gadre

Money Counters: Tim Evans & Jane Rall

Nursery Caregivers: Julia Evans (Yay!) & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Mary Stark

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Dawn Adair & Frank Johnson, Nancy Kuhn & Janelle Veazey

Middle School: Jeff Bryant & Sara Romeyn

High School:

Welcome Hosts: Bill & Lloydie Zaiser

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 Ministry Coordinator | Kim Webster, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael
Wu, Music Director