



WELCOME

We are a reconciling community within the United Methodist tradition, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, while inviting others to journey with us as we seek to belong in community, become followers of Christ, and believe the Good News of the Gospel. As we are transformed, we are called to be love.

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Sunday, October 26, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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: *Celebrate with Joy* (2010)

Bells of Faith
Nancy Kuhn, Director
Cynthia Dobrinski, 1950-2021

Welcome

Pam Kessler

Prayer of the Day

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

Liturgist: Our God does not live in a house built by human hands,

All: Yet our God is present here with us in this place.

Liturgist: Let us worship God in this holy house,

All: And carry this worship into the world.

Liturgist: Unbounded God,

All: All of creation is your temple and your dwelling place. Fill us with wonder and joy at your presence in all that you have made. Help us to treat the natural world and all that is in it with respect and care, that all might dwell here together in peace.

Pastor: As we step further into this work of worship, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Liturgist: Holy God, You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice.

All: Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Pastor: Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend. Amen.

WORD

Anthem: *God's Son Has Made Me Free* (Four Psalms, Op. 74, No. 2, 1906)

Chancel Choir; Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Ann Bartlow, organ

Edvard Grieg, 1843-1907

Sung in English translation:

God's Son has made me free | From Satan's tyranny; | From fear of death, and bonds of sin; | From all that plagues my soul within. || The HolyOne divine, | Became a friend of mine. | From heaven high, from starry sky, | He came to live, to die. || O boundless love he, came, he died; | He rose forever glorified! | He came to give, | To die, that I might live. || From heaven high, from starry sky, | He came to die, that I might live, | Might live with him eternally, | God's Son has made me free.

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Werber

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Bruce Werber

Anthem: *I Will Praise You, O Lord* (2000)

Young Singers of Faith

Dr. Michael Wu, piano

Mark Patterson, b. 1969

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Message: "Still Here Today"

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

*Hymn #2060 (TFWS): *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

Refer to insert.

Choir and congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Werber

WHAT NOW?

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Hymn #110: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Choir and congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Emily Peck

Postlude: *Festive Prelude* (2025)

Ann Bartlow, organ
David Ibinaiyee, living



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.

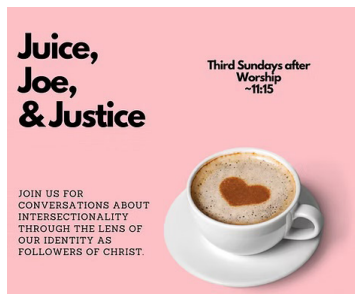
OFFERING

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.



JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE

We invite you to participate in today's discussion about social justice issues following worship in room 206. We will be discussing "Affordable Housing: Why it is Impossible and the Right Thing to Do."



Please feel free to visit Fellowship Time first and then bring your food up with you.

As you know, these events are not a continuing series, and every conversation stands alone, so please consider joining us.

If you can't make the discussion in person, there is also an opportunity to join online (scan



the QR code). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bill Maas at billmaas@verizon.net.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the flowers on the altar, please refer to the sign up calendar in the narthex. Choose a date and write in your name. Complete the brief form in the attached pocket and place it in the offering chest or scan the QR code. You may pay online or place a check in the offering chest or submit the check to the church office.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle and high school youth **do not** gather today. We look forward to a time of fellowship and connection Sunday, November 2, at Faith UMC. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com for more information.

SHARE THE WARMTH

The Faith Outreach Team invites you to share the warmth this season with the children in our community! We are collecting NEW winter outerwear through Sunday, November 2nd. Please place your donation of coats, hats, gloves, scarves and socks in the collection box in the narthex or outside the church office.



FAITH UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

This conference is an annual meeting with church leadership and a district superintendent to review the past year's ministry, conduct essential church business, and is responsible for approving nominations. The Charge Conference is important as it reflects the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church, where decisions are made cooperatively by clergy, laity, congregations and connectional leadership.

All members of Faith UMC are invited to attend. The meeting will take place via Zoom; credentials will be available at a later time.

This year's theme is "Love Boldly: Building a Bigger Table". Love Boldly a principle, inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35, encourages United Methodists to passionately love God and, like Jesus, to embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. It means creating space for diversity and welcoming all neighbors and strangers. Building a Bigger Table: This phrase is a metaphor for radical hospitality and inclusion, emphasizing the need to make room for everyone in the community, especially those on the margins who might feel excluded or unwelcome in traditional settings.

MESSY GRATITUDE

We thank the 12 families that created a trunk or treat Saturday and treated kids to a visual and sugar treat! Thank you also to the Messy Church team (Curtis Osborne, Intergenerational Coordinator; Susan Jones and Karen Simpson) and the small group that championed the trunk or treat activity. Our theme was "the Big God family" and Faith showed up with love and excitement and it proved to be a big God event. This theme was carried through in worship affirming that we are all part of God's family—regardless of who we are or what we look like. It was a powerful reminder of our call to love one another, including our neighbors, with compassion and grace.



STEP IN, STEP UP, STEP OUT

Last Sunday, we enjoyed a shared meal together and also shared our commitments to the Faith community through our footprints. Over the next few weeks, we ask that you reflect on how you are called to support the Faith community as our official Generosity Campaign comes to an end. How can you continue to grow in this community based on love and support for each other? How can you step in, step up, and step out to support our community?

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Nancy Kneisly recently attended a conference in Annapolis facilitated by United Women in Faith, formerly known as United Methodist Women. The group describes themselves as "a sisterhood acting in faith to tackle the hard work of the world without hesitation."

We want to organize a UWF group here at Faith! A representative from the BWC conference will be asked to speak with us to learn more about starting a group. Please contact Nancy (kneislynancy@gmail.com) to learn more!

GET INVOLVED WITH FAITH!

We commit to serve as members of Faith. Here are some ways you can serve in the weeks to come:

Nursery: Faith sees the nursery as a child's first step toward a relationship with Christ. As infants and toddlers learn to trust those who take care of them, their hearts prepare to have faith in God, who loves and cares for them. As Faith follows Safe Sanctuary policies which require two unrelated adults working with children, we are asking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in room 210. If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@FaithWorksHere.com.

Chat Host: Participate in the chat online on Sunday mornings. Serving as a host includes: welcoming others who join worship online; reporting any technical issues (i.e. no sound); gathering joys and concerns from listeners to share with the greeter. The only requirement? A cell phone and ability to text. **BONUS:** Hosting can be done from home or while you are sitting in a pew at Sunday worship! If you would like to serve as an online host contact Linda Pickle at Lwpickle353@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate beloved members of the church and to acknowledge a worldwide connection with those who claim the name of Christ.

Traditionally, Faith UMC publicly remembers and honors those who have passed away. As a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us, we light candles and call the names of church members who have died since November 2024.



We also remember other special people in your life who have died within the year. If you wish to have your loved one remembered who was not a member of Faith, please call or email the church office with your loved one's name **by Wednesday, October 29.** (301-881-1881 or office@FaithWorksHere.com)

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Altar Guild for October: Alisa Dowd

Audio Visual Volunteers: Brian Hahs

Congregational Welcome: Pam Kessler

Fellowship Hosts: Andy & Laura Basford

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Money Counters: Jane Rall, Jim Johnston

Nursery Caregiver: Tessa Ricketts, Emily Sama-Miller

Online Host: Carol Henley

Preaching: Rev. Emily Peck

Sunday School Teachers:

- Elementary School Teachers: Dawn Adair Johnson, Nancy Hart, Sally Stolz, Susan Jones
- Middle School Teachers: Barbara Wege, Janelle Veazey
- High School Teachers: James Hedrick, Ryan Miller

Welcome Team Hosts: Bill Beisner, Sharon Virts

FAITH UMC STAFF

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