

Faith United Methodist Church  
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October 29, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.

- If you are a smartphone user – and so many of you are – **please** use the QR code in your bulletin to record your attendance and prayer concerns today. You can even use this code to check in if you are watching online.
- Each Sunday, an acolyte brings the light of Christ into our worship space and following worship carries the light back out of the sanctuary - a reminder that we are called to go out into the rest of our week to be light to the world. After worship TODAY, Pastor Laura will meet with children in 4th - 7th grade to prepare them to be acolytes at Faith.
- Tonight, the Youth Ministry will meet at Kensington United Methodist Church from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- The first Retirees' Gathering a few weeks ago was a success with 17 participants. The next monthly gathering will meet on Friday, November 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and we will provide the beverages and dessert.
- Beginning next Sunday, you will be able to pick up a name tag in the Narthex when you enter worship. Please help us welcome one another in this space by name.

### WELCOME

Tim Evans

### CENTERING

### PRELUDE

*For All the Saints*

Arr.: Lloyd Larson

OPENING LITANY

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

ONE:	<i>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.</i>
ALL:	<b>Come Holy Spirit and lead us.</b>
ONE:	Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:
ALL:	<b>The Way of change and testing, the Way of the desert and the wilderness.</b>
ONE:	<i>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.</i>
ALL:	<b>Come Holy Spirit and make us your own.</b>
ONE:	Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:
ALL:	<b>The Way of new learning and questioning, the Way of the River Jordan and the Upper Room.</b>
ONE:	<i>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)</i>
ALL:	<b>Come Holy Spirit and shape us anew.</b>
ONE:	Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:
ALL:	<b>The Way of joy in life and sacrifice, the Way of the Creation and the Cross.</b>

WORD

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

## ANTHEM

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, African American spiritual

Arr.: Alice Parker, b. 1925 and Robert Shaw, 1916-1999

Publisher: Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, 1961; Warner Brothers Music group, renewed 1989

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

### Prayer of Confession

**ALL: We profess that you are God, O Holy One.**

**We have no other gods, and yet, we do not always serve you  
with sincerity and faithfulness.**

**We don't always live into our commitment to You.**

**We struggle with "other gods" here and now  
who seek to fulfill us by consumerism and with self-importance.**

**We hear gods who instill in us such fear of our enemies  
that we seek power from weapons of destruction.**

**Help us, O God, to find fulfillment in you.**

**Forgive us that we are skeptical of Your love's transforming power.**

**We repent of our sins and turn our hearts again to you.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Intergenerational Nurture

## PASSING THE PEACE

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 12:1-17; 25-30

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

MESSAGE: "From Where Will Our Hope Come?"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

SILENT REFLECTION

## WONDER

\* HYMN #348

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Words and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880

Congregation

Yeri So, Organ

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Lloydie Zaiser, Stewardship Team

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

ACT OF AFFIRMATION

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

Leader: The windows around us in our sanctuary are not of stained glass. Rather, the simple, clear panes let us see the community and open us and our worship to the world.

**People: We live a sacred story and boldly share it with those we encounter.**

Leader: We seek to live as testaments to the love of God.

**People: Our words and actions bring God's story to life. Each day we have the chance to affirm hope, offer grace, and witness to the glory and transforming power of faith.**

Leader: in our witness, let us live generously.

**All: Amen.**

## WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

\*HYMN #110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Words and music: Martin Luther, c. 1529

Words trans.: Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; harmony: *The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930*

Congregation

Yeri So, Organ

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

POSTLUDE

*The Unclouded Day*

Composer: Carolyn Hamlin, b. 1937

Yeri So, Organ

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Bill and Carol Benson in memory of their precious granddaughter, Annabelle Rake, who was born eight years ago on October 29th.

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Hahs and Hannah Coppersmith

Altar Guild for October: Jason Youngkin

Audio Visual: Brian Jones, Jason Spriggs and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Carol Henley

Congregational Welcome: Tim Evans

Fellowship Host: Bonnie Dunn and Susan Keller

Liturgist: Kristen Wayne

Nursery Staff: Emily Sama-Miller and Tessa Ricketts

Sunday School: Emily Peck and Sally Stolz

Welcome Team: Arvina Dalaya Gadre and Bruce Werber

FAITH UMC STAFF

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André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

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