
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: *Soar* (from *Ascend*, 2017)

Ann Bartlow, piano

Christine Brown, b. 1962; Music published by Christine Brown

Welcome

Nancy Kneisly

Call to Worship

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

ONE: Once Wind and Life danced within the endlessness of God.

ALL: God and Spirit and Life are One.

ONE: With joy, the Wind became a messenger.

ALL: With holy curiosity, the Spirit searched out everything the earth might be.

ONE: In the Word, first spoken, God's Breath brought light to all creation.

ALL: a mind shaped by humility, justice, mercy, and peace.

ONE: More and more, the Word told stories: Water and planets, rocks and trees tumbled into being.

ALL: The dust and water could be more.

ONE: God's own hands stretched and smoothed something new.

ALL: A breath from God, the Spirit of God, carried the blessing of Life.

ONE: The first soul stretched out in that simple creature.

ALL: He breathed because God Breathes Life.

ONE: And still today, when God's Spirit comes down:

ALL: We are created. We are renewed. We meet the Author of Life. Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

Introit: Locus Iste, WAB 23, 1869

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896

Translation of the Latin: This place was made by God, | a priceless sacrament; | it is without reproach.

Confession and Pardon

Bruce Werber

ONE: Merciful God,

ALL: Give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

ONE: The risen God has raised all of us to newness of life in Jesus' name. We are a new creation in Christ, and God forgives our wrongs. Let us celebrate with all of creation a world redeemed, and lavish the love we have received on all that is. Amen.

Passing the Peace

WORD

*Hymn #133: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Congregation; Dr. Michael Wu, organ

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

Bruce Werber

Today's scripture can be found on pages #197 of the
New Testament in the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Anthem: *Come, Holy Ghost* (1834)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Ann Bartlow, organ
Thomas Attwood, 1765-1838

Text: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, | And lighten with
celestial fire. | Thou the anointing Spirit art, | Who does thy seven-
fold gifts impart. | Thy blessed unction from above, | Is comfort,
life, and fire of love. || Enable with perpetual light, | The dullness
of our blinded sight; | Anoint and cheer our soiled face, | With the
abundance of thy grace. | Keep far our foes, give peace at home,
| Where thou are guide, no ill can come. || Teach us to know the
Father, Son, and the of both to be but one. | That through the
ages all along, | This may be our endless song; | Praise to thy
eternal merit, | Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Werber

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 #465: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Congregation; Dr. Michael Wu, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: Komm Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist Ann Bartlow, organ
(Come, God the Creator, Holy Spirit, BWV 631, from Orgelbüchlein or
Little Organ Book, 1712-1716), Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



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.



Give today.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship Time will not be offered this morning. Join us next Sunday, May 31 following worship.

MEMORIAL DAY

Faith UMC church office will be closed Monday, May 25th in recognition of Memorial Day.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UWF)

Sunday, May 31 following worship

UWF believes love in action can change the world. Join us in rooms 205/206 as we work to influence and impact our community.



United
Women
in Faith

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION: GRANTS 2026

Deadline: Sunday, May 31

The Foundation supports charitable, religious, and educational initiatives that expand outreach and ministry in local communities by offering periodic grants. The grant cycle is currently open and applications need to be submitted by Sunday, May 31. Projects should align with the mission of Faith United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church's Social Principles. Applications up to \$2,500 are available on the Faith website: FaithWorksHere.com/Faith-Foundation-Grants.

ROCKVILLE PRIDE EVENT

Sunday, June 7 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Rockville Pride will take place at Rockville Town Center on Sunday, June 7. Faith will be represented at a table alongside other United Methodist Churches. We would love to have individuals and/or families represent our congregation for a 1-hour shift, from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 pm. If you would like to participate, please email Jeff and Denise Bryant at jdsabryant@comcast.net.



ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, June 14 following worship

Young people who are finishing third grade this year and older are encouraged to attend a training session for acolytes on June 14 immediately after the worship service. Those already serving are encouraged to also attend as they will be learning new ways of participating in worship.

Young people will learn about bringing the light of Christ into the service and leading the congregation out into the world at the end of service. This is a great way for young people to be involved in worship on Sunday mornings. The expectation is that acolytes will serve about once a month. If your young person plans to attend, please let the office know at office@FaithWorksHere.com.

HELP YOUTH ATTEND ASP MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

July 12-18

The youth will again this summer head south to work with Appalachia Service Project to make homes warmer, safer and drier. From July 12-18, we will be in Gate City, VA, working with the community of Scott County to complete home improvements for individuals in need.



We have a team of youth and adults who have committed to the project, but we need you! You can help - with financial support, with snacks for the youth, but most of all with your prayers. To make a financial donation today, please visit the Faith website at FaithWorksHere.com/give and choose "Donation to ASP Mission Trip" from the drop down menu.

**WAITING FOR PHOTO AND
ADDITIONAL VERBIAGE
FROM SUZANNE**

ENHANCING FAITH UMC SECURITY

Beginning May 4, those needing access to the church during the week are asked to stop by during office hours, when a staff member will be happy to assist. Office hours are M, W, F from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. On Sunday mornings, the Main Entrance and Sanctuary door will remain unlocked for members and guests arriving for worship from 9:00 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. and will automatically lock thereafter. Welcome Hosts will be available at the Sanctuary doors to assist anyone arriving after that time.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for May: Marie Day

Audio Visual Volunteers: Chuck Spencer & Debbie Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Nancy Kneisly

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Money Counters: Gary Clark & Carol Dismukes

Nursery Caregivers: Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Lloydie Zaiser

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Dawn Adair Johnson, Susan Jones, Jan Spencer & Sally Stolz

Middle School: Janelle Veazey & Barbara Wege

High School: Ryan Miller

Welcome Hosts: 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 | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator | Kim Webster, Financial Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director