

Faith United Methodist Church

*Repair is
Radical*

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 blue 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 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: *Largo* from Violin Sonata IV in C Minor, BWV 1017 (1717-1723)
Sally McLain, violin; Dr. Michael Wu, piano
Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Welcome Mike Coppersmith, Leadership Board member

Call to Worship Brian Jones, Liturgist
Leadership Board member

ONE: Come, you who are weary of striving.

ALL: Come, you who are tired of holding everything together.

ONE: Come, you who resist needing help.

ALL: Jesus kneels before us in love.

ONE: The Spirit invites us into humility and freedom.

ALL: Let us worship God together.

WORD

Anthem: *Caritas* (from *Illuminare*, 2024) Chancel Choir
Dr. Michael Wu, Director
Sally McLain, violin; Ann Bartlow, piano
Elaine Hagenberg, b. 1979

Translation of the Latin: Love abounds in all, | from the depths most excellent | to beyond the stars, | and loving toward all, | she has given the highest king | the kiss of peace.

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17

Brian Jones, Liturgist

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Message

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*Hymn: #432 *Jesu, Jesu*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell and Stewards

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to this table

all who love him,

who earnestly repent of their sin,

and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

God of mercy,

we confess how deeply we desire control.

We want to manage our image, our security, our future.

We resist vulnerability and struggle to receive help.

We cling to power that isolates us

and avoid love that requires humility.

Forgive us for the pride that keeps us distant

from you and from one another.

Mend our hearts,

teaching us the freedom of humility.

(Silence)

Hear the good news:

Jesus does not withdraw when we resist.

Jesus continues to kneel, to serve, to love.

In Christ, grace meets us where we are.

We are forgiven and set free to begin again.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us from the dust of the earth
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we wandered, you did not abandon us.
When we fractured what you made whole,
your love remained faithful.

Through prophets and poets,
through law and mercy,
you called us back —
back to justice,
back to compassion,
back to covenant love.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
In him, you came near —
not in domination, but in humility.
He touched the unclean,
ate with the excluded,
and knelt to wash the feet of his friends.

When fear closed in
and empire tightened its grip,
he did not turn away.
He gave himself freely,
trusting that love is stronger than violence
and mercy deeper than death.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us
the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be mended by grace —
healed where we are broken,
softened where we are hardened,
freed where we cling to control.

By your Spirit,
make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world —
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God,
let us pray:

**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.**

Because there is one loaf,
we who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. From the servers on the side you were seated, you will receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer not to receive by dipping bread in a common cup, OR if you need gluten free elements, there are gluten free self-contained communion elements in a basket in the center between the two server teams. Please take one and return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

Prayer after Communion

**ALL: God of grace,
we thank you for meeting us at this table.**

**You have fed us with mercy
and strengthened us with hope.**

By your Spirit, continue your work of mending in us.

**Send us now
to love more bravely,
to act more justly,
to release what we cannot control,
and to trust the slow, holy work of your grace.**

Through Christ our Lord.

Lent Moment Alisa Dowd

Invitation to Offering Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer Brian Jones

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #2071: *Jesus, Name above All Names*
Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Allegro* from Violin Sonata III in E Major, BWV 1016 (171-1723)
Sally McLain, violin; Dr. Michael Wu, piano
J. S. Bach

The flowers on the altar are offered this day by an anonymous giver.

Sally McLain, violinist



Faith Church is proud to welcome Sally McLain back to worship with us, and we thank her for sharing her talents with us during the prelude, postlude, and choir anthem. She received her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees with High Distinction from Indiana University. She has participated in the Tanglewood Music Center, the Bach Aria Festival and Institute and the New York String Orchestra Seminar, under the direction of Alexander Schneider.

She served as concertmaster of the Washington Chamber Symphony for ten seasons and is currently concertmaster of the Washington Concert Opera and the Washington Ballet.

Ms. McLain was a long-time member of the Theater Chamber Players, under the direction of co-founders Leon Fleischer and Dina Koston. She is a founding member of the Left Bank Quartet, which originated as an ensemble in the Theater Chamber Players.

She is an adjunct chamber music lecturer at the University of Maryland and is on the faculty of the Gettysburg Chamber Music Workshop and the Raphael Trio Chamber Music Workshop. Critically hailed as a "violinist with lots of style" (*Washington Post*), Ms. McLain has performed as soloist to critical acclaim in a variety of venues that include the Clarice Smith Center Gildenhorn Hall, Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, Library of Congress, Lisner Auditorium, National Gallery of Art and Smithsonian American Art Museum. She was honored to give the premiere performance of "Solo for Violin - Homage to Béla Bartók", written for her by Dina Koston. Ms. McLain plays on a violin made by Vincenzo Postiglione circa 1888.

SERVING US TODAY

Audio Visual Volunteers: Brian Hahs, Jason Spriggs & Eric Winchenbach

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Liturgist: Brian Jones

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- Elementary School Teachers: Caroline Babula, Ann Coppersmith, Dawn Adair Johnson & Jan Spencer
- Middle School Teachers: Dave Cope & Chuck Spencer

Welcome Hosts: Lloydie Zaiser & 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



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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.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Today following worship

Faith 101, a get-to-know-you-and-the-church class, meets today after worship in room 111. If you are new to Faith or have never had the opportunity to participate in a new member class, consider joining the conversation. Members Jane Rall, Hunter Prillaman and Rev. John Campbell lead this group. If you are interested, please email Pastor Laura at RevLaura@faithworkshere.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY MEETING

Today following worship

The CCM team will meet in person today. This Ministry focuses on supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals and families within the church community.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today at 5:00 p.m.

This evening, middle and high school youth will meet at Faith UMC in rooms 205/206 for activities, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

LENTEN SERIES CONTINUES

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Lent 2 — March 1 at 10:00 a.m.

John 13:1–17

Mending Our Need for Control

Lent 3 — March 8 at 10:00 a.m.

John 18:12–27

Mending Our Fear and Denial

Lent 4 — March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

John 18:28–40

Mending Our Relationship with Truth

Lent 5 — March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

John 19:1–16a

Mending Human Dignity

Palm/Passion Sunday — March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

John 19:16b–22

Mending Faith Under Empire

Maundy Thursday — April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

John 20:1–18

Mending Hope

Easter 2 — April 12 at 10:00 a.m.

John 20:19–31

Mending Belief and Doubt

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Last Sunday, fifteen women gathered for an inspiring introduction to United Women in Faith. We were grateful to welcome conference guest Maria Porter Stockton, who offered helpful background and guidance.

Together, we began discerning ministries we feel called to, explored partnerships with other UWF groups in our hub, and shared prayers and hopes for living out faith in action. We are pleased to announce our officers: Nancy Kneisly, *President*; Dawn Adair Johnson, *Secretary*; Debbie Spriggs, *Treasurer*; Rev. Bonnie Campbell, *Ex Officio Nominations Chair*.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 29, following worship. For more information, contact Nancy Kneisly at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

A SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION



Faith Church celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a lively pancake supper attended by more than sixty people. Traditionally a final festive meal before Lent, the evening also became a moment of mending—strengthening community through shared food, shared work, and shared joy.

We are grateful for Pam Kessler's leadership and for all who made the evening a success: the cooks - John and Bonnie Campbell, Gordon and Carol Henley, Brian and Susan Jones, Nancy Kneisly and the other helpers - Melissa Harke, Jim Johnston, Karen Simpson, and Debbie Spriggs!