
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: Canon (24 Pièces en Style Libre, Op. 31, No. 6, 1913-14)

Ann Bartlow, organ
Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

Welcome

Sara Romeyn

Call to Worship

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

**ALL: You break in, O God,
on the road
you break in, O God,
exactly the way we do not believe
you break in, O God,
and change everything**

ONE: Why are your stories never mundane

ONE: Why can you not just leave us alone
and go and transform somewhere else
that is not as certain and sure of you
You just disrupt us and cause anxiety
We are not people of change

**ALL: You break in, O God
with a call
you break in, O God
with an invitation
you break in, O God
with the truth**

ONE: Why do you wait for us to respond
and never give up?
Why do you speak into our souls
the truth of how we live?
Why do you keep goading us, provoking us
disturbing us with the truth?

**ALL: You break in, O God
with a new realm
You break in, O God
with a new world
You break in, O God
with your intent for the future.**

ONE: You always are a challenge to us
and we dream of that realm of yours we speak of so often
but what disturbs us most is how you want to get there
through us, your partners and companions,
with space enough for everyone
even those who persecute you
by doing nothing.

**ALL: God, break in again
and call us to be your workers
God, break in again**

**and use the gifts we are to build your realm
God, break in again
and change our world once more.
So be it
Amen.**

Confession and Pardon

Bruce Werber

ONE: God of the clean and the unclean,

ALL: we too easily think we can see from your point of view.

**We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt,
all the while hiding ourselves
for fear we too would be found wanting.**

**We think we are justified
because we are made holy by your love,
and we assume holiness means more like us.**

**We forget, or never really knew,
that all you touch is holy,
and that you created all that is.**

**So when we exclude, we exclude you.
When we hold grudges, we hate you.
When we show contempt,
we are contemptuous of those you love.**

**May we be made holy in truth,
loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.
Amen.**

Passing the Peace

WORD

Anthem: *Open My Eyes* (1990)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

K. Lee Scott, b. 1950; Words by Lancelot Andrewes, 1555-1626, alt.

Music published by Concordia Publishing House.

Children's Message Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-19a

Bruce Werber

Message

Suzanne Smedberg

*Hymn #318: *Christ Is Alive*

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Suzanne Smedberg

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Werber

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People

Suzanne Smedberg

*Hymn #357: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (verses 1, 3-5)

Congregation; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Suzanne Smedberg

Prelude: *Filii et Filiae (O Sons and Daughters)* Ann Bartlow, organ

Five Liturgical Pieces for Organ, 2010

Lynn Trapp, b. 1963; Music published by MorningStar Music Publisher

Acknowledgements: Confession and Pardon: written by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, Minister of New Kilpatrick Church.

Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/starters_for_sunday/

*Altar flowers are given by James Pearson and Linda Pickle
in loving memory of Jim's parents, James Pearson Sr.
and Martha Mitchell Pearson.*

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.



JUICE, JOE & JUSTICE



**Juice,
Joe,
& Justice**

**Third Sundays after
Worship
~11:15**

JOIN US FOR
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT
INTERSECTIONALITY
THROUGH THE LENS OF
OUR IDENTITY AS
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.

Today following worship

Everyone is invited to join the Juice, Joe & Justice discussion after worship in the youth room (room #206). We will be continuing our conversation on migrants and refugees. Please feel free to visit Fellowship Hour first and then bring your food up with you.

This session will focus on Chapter 3 of the study guide, Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration. (The study guide is free. Its link is available in Friday's *What's Working @ Faith*.) This chapter reflects on Deuteronomy 10: God's Love for the Sojourner.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Middle and high school youth meet this Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. at N. Bethesda UMC at 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda for fellowship, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Sunday, April 26 following worship

United Women in Faith (UWF) launched last month with a strong start, welcoming 15 enthusiastic participants.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF will continue to meet the last Sunday following worship each month. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Nancy Kneisly, chair at kneislynancy@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26

Join Faith as we celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday on April 26th. On this day, we take time out to recognize the gifts, needs, and contributions of individuals with disabilities. It's a time to reflect on how the church can be more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming to all of God's people.

YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Today, April 19 following worship

Young Singers of Faith is holding its final rehearsals as we prepare to contribute to worship on Sunday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. We will rehearse in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. service until no later than noon on the following dates:

- Today, April 19
- Next Sunday, April 26
- Sunday, May 3

Children up to and including grade 6 are welcome to participate—no prior musical experience is needed.

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

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. This space was formerly a playground, transformed by the hard work of church members. Last year, Ryan Bloom improved the garden as part of an Eagle Scout project. Please join us on May 16th at 1 pm 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.



SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Altar Guild for April: Ann Coppersmith & Dawn Adair Johnson

Audio Visual Volunteers: Andy Basford & Jason Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Sara Romeyn

Fellowship Hosts: Denise & Jeff Bryant

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Money Counters: Gary Clark & Jane Rall

Nursery Caregivers: Lesley Avery & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Nancy Hart, Dawn Adair Johnson, Susan Jones & Jane Rall

Middle School: Jeff Bryant & Sara Romeyn

High School: Ryan Babula & Kristen Wayne

Welcome Hosts: Bill and Lloydie Zaiser