



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.

6810 Montrose Rd. | Rockville, MD 20852
301-881-1881 | office@FaithWorksHere.com
www.FaithWorksHere.com

* indicates stand as you are able

Accommodations: We have 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: *24 Pièces en Style Libre*
Op 31 No. 8 Idylle mélancolique

Ann Bartlow, organ
Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

Welcome

Jay Moore

Call to Worship

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

All: With bright eyes, let us search.

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

All: With engaged minds, let us ponder.

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

All: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

All: With solid devotion, let us follow.

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

All: With humble intention, let us act.

One: This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

All: With strong voices, let us sing.

WORD

Anthem: *Heleluyan*

Chancel Choir
Muskogee Creek Indian, arr. Jerry Ulrich, living

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Werber

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1–7:2a, 44-60 (CEB)

Bruce Werber

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Hymn #148: *Many And Great, O God*

Chancel Choir, congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

WONDER

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell
Communion Stewards

Invitation and Confession

One: Let us pray:

All: Merciful God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient Church.

We have not done your will; we have broken your law;

We have rebelled against your love;

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

One: Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's Love toward us."

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

GLORY TO GOD. AMEN.

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.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...
...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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...
...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...
...almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer after Receiving

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Mission Moment

Brian Jones
Lay Member of Annual Conference

Bells of Faith Tea
Nancy Kuhn, Director, Bells of Faith

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Werber

WHAT NOW?

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Hymn #389: *Freely, Freely*

Chancel choir, congregation
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Postlude: *Toccata Brevis*

Ann Bartlow, organ
Daniel Gawthrop b. 1949

Acknowledgements: Call to Worship written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson. It appeared on her blog, Freshly Squeezed Liturgy. Heleluyan, Muskogee Creek Indian, arr. Jerry Ulrich, living. Music published by Theodore Presser. Multiple print copies on file at Faith UMC Rockville.



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.



FELLOWSHIP TIME

We invite everyone downstairs following worship today and every Sunday for Fellowship Time! You can connect with someone you don't know very well, share your thoughts about the service, or just drink a cup of coffee among Faith friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Youth Ministry: Tonight at 5:00 p.m.:** Middle and High School youth will meet this week at N. Bethesda UMC, 10100 Old Georgetown Rd. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator.
- **Please make time to stay after 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship today.** Our Music Ministries will celebrate André Coleman's ten years singing with us as Tenor Section Leader in our Chancel Choir! We should also note that we have many long-term Faith members in Chancel Choir as well: Jane Rall is in her 35th year; Jim Johnston, 40th; June Watts, over 40; Virginia McDowell, 50th, and Bonnie Dunn, 60th!
- **Graduation!** Do you have a child who will be graduating from high school or college? Let the office (office@FaithWorksHere.com) know by today. On Sunday, May 18, Faith UMC will recognize our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments.

- **Mother's Day Tea in the Faith UMC Fellowship Hall: Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m.** Come enjoy an afternoon English tea with sandwiches and cakes! The Bells of Faith will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea in order to raise funds to help defray the cost of refurbishing the handbells (which are sadly in need of care). Reservations will soon be taken for this event: cost \$20/adult, kids are free. There will also be a number of gift baskets to be auctioned off. Come enjoy an afternoon "English" tea with sandwiches and cakes and help support the Bells! Stay tuned for more details. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Kuhn
- **Rejoice in the Lord and Dwell in Joy:** This year, the Baltimore-Washington Conference's (BWC's) Annual Conference will be held May 13-15 in Baltimore, MD. Pastor Laura will be attending as will Brian Jones, our Lay Member to Annual Conference. "Rejoice in the Lord: Dwell in Joy!" is the theme of the conference and lays the groundwork for a meaningful and memorable session.
- **Opportunities to Serve: Get Involved with Faith!** We commit to serve as members of Faith. Here are some ways you can serve in weeks to come:

Audio Visual Team: Join the team in the balcony Sunday mornings! Even if you know nothing about sound or projection - we will train you. The following volunteer positions are needed to serve once a month. *Do you hear what I hear?* manage the sound board; *Feel the urge to direct?* operate the camera; *Control freak?* control the projection for those in the sanctuary and online! Contact Jason Spriggs to volunteer in the balcony at jason@jasonspriggs.com.

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 requires 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 not already completed, volunteers will need to complete the online Safe Sanctuary training. We need volunteers for April and May. If you are interested, please volunteer here or contact Mary Gordon at gordonmb@hotmail.com.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for May: Marie Day

Audio Visual Volunteers: Eric Winchenbach, Jason Spriggs, Brian Jones

Chat Room Host: Linda Pickle

Congregational Welcome: Jay Moore

Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Stanley and Chancel Choir

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Money Counters: Jim Johnston, Tim Evans

Nursery Staff: Celia Schmidt, Tessa Ricketts

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Sunday School Teachers – Elementary School: Jan Spencer, Janelle Veazey
Middle School: Chuck Spencer, David Cope

Welcome Team Hosts: Lloydie Zaizer, Bill Zaizer

FAITH UMC STAFF

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