



Faith United Methodist Church
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May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.

- 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. If you have no idea what that means, don't worry about it, we've got you covered!
- Juice, Joe & Justice welcomes everyone to meet today following worship in room 206. The group will discuss the history and future of Montgomery County when it comes to social justice, diversity, and inclusiveness.

CENTERING

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

PRELUDE

Joy and Elation

Composer: Cynthia Dobrinski, 1950-2021

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

ONE: Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

ALL: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

ONE: Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

ALL: From the sanctuary of heaven,

God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

ONE: Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

ALL: Let us all be jubilant with joy!

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

*TFWS HYMN #2282

I'll Fly Away

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Congregation

Yeri So, Organ

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

CALL TO CONFESSION:

ONE: God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**ALL: Loving God,
we confess that we do not always bring honor and
glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and
mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and
serve your world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:

ONE: Sisters and brothers,
the Spirit of God is resting on you,
to restore, support, and strengthen you.
Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives

and loves you;
rise up and give God thanks.

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

1 Peter 4:12-14

MESSAGE

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

ANTHEM

I'm Goin' Up a Yonder

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Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Yeri So, Piano

WONDER

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bruce Werber, Liturgist

WHAT NOW

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*HYMN #529

How Firm a Foundation

Words: "K" in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Music: Early USA melody; harm. from *Tabor*, 1866

Congregation

Yeri So, Organ

SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Composer: Carolyn Hamlin, b.1937

Yeri So, Organ

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by David Cope, Jan Lafleur and Andrea Marchesotti in memory of Brian Cope.

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Hahs and Hannah Coppersmith

Altar Guild for May: Nancy Kneisly and Alma Rines

Audio Visual: Brian Hahs, Debbie Spriggs and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Linda Pickle

Fellowship Hosts: Tim Evans and Sara Romeyn

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Nursery Staff: Barbara Wege and Tessa Ricketts

Sunday School: Susan Jones and Nancy Kneisly

Welcome Team: Arvina Dalaya Gadre and Jason Youngkin

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

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