

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Serve Joyfully
Lead Courageously

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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: *Elegy* (for April 7, 1913, written 1913)

Dr. Michael Wu, organ
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1848-1918

Welcome

Sara Romeyn

Call to Worship

Jeff Bryant, Liturgist

ONE VOICE: Siblings in Christ, through the waters of baptism
we are claimed, washed clean, and called.

**MANY VOICES: We come to remember who we are and
whose we are.**

ONE VOICE: We are emboldened to care for one another in the
Church so that each of us may come to accept
God's grace for ourselves and profess it openly.

**MANY VOICES: We open our hearts to one another in
hope.**

ONE VOICE: Let us worship the God who claims us, redeems us, and sends us forth in love.

MANY VOICES: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship God!

Morning Prayer

Jeff Bryant

ONE VOICE: Holy and gracious God,
you call us to live as children of light.
Lead us in all that is good and right and true,
and guide our steps in your wisdom.

Fill us with your Spirit as we gather,
teaching us to give thanks in all things.
Shape our lives to love boldly.

MANY VOICES: Amen.

Confession and Pardon

Jeff Bryant

ONE VOICE: Faithful and loving God,
you call us to nurture one another in Christ's holy Church,
to teach by word and example,
and to guide others into your grace and truth.

MANY VOICES:

Yet we confess that we have not always been faithful in this calling.

**We have failed to live as children of light,
neglected to encourage faith in others,
and withheld the witness of our lives.**

**Forgive us for the times we have been careless in our example,
for speaking empty words instead of truth,
and for not walking in wisdom and gratitude before you.**

(Silence)

ONE VOICE: Renew us by your Spirit,
that we may live as light in the world,
teaching, guiding, and nurturing with love and
humility.

Strengthen us to lead lives worthy of your calling,
that others may see your grace in us
and come to know your saving love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Passing the Peace

WORD

Special Music: *The Rose* (1928)

Lauretta Mosteller, Soprano
Dr. Michael Wu, piano
Joseph W. Clokey, 1890-1960

Lyrics (Katherine Howard, 1858-1929): This morning when I
came awake, | There was a rose in full bloom | Looking right in
my window | I knew her when she was a bud, | Just the other
day; | Now she is a rose, come to stay | Until her leaves fall off.
|| When they're all off, | She'll go away. | She won't be a rose |
But she'll return, she knows. | She won't go far, | And I'll save
her leaves | In my rose jar.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:6-21

Jeff Bryant

Scripture may be found on pages #194-195 in the New
Testament of the pew Bible.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Message

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*Hymn #206: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Congregation; Dr. Michael Wu, organ

WONDER

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Jeff Bryant

WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

The Lord's Prayer

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 #347: *Spirit Song*

Congregation; Dr. Michael Wu, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Fanfare* (1987)

Dr. Michael Wu, organ
William Mathias, 1934-1992



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!



Everyone Sign In!

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.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

Today following worship

This Sunday, United Women of Faith will meet following the service in rooms 205/206 featuring special guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt from the United Church of Christ in Cleveland, who will be focusing his talk on environmental and climate issues.

Before becoming the UCC Minister for Environmental Justice in 2015, he served for eight years as the pastor of First Congregational UCC in Vancouver, Washington. While there, he became active in two environmental campaigns that were ultimately successful: transitioning the state of Washington away from its only coal plant and preventing the establishment of the largest marine oil terminal in the country in Vancouver.

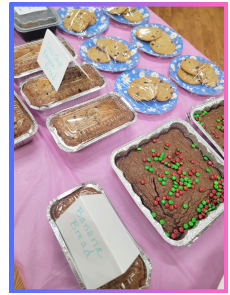


Rev. Dr. Berndt published his first book *Sounding the Trumpet: How Churches Can Answer God's Call to Justice*. It was co-authored with the Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California. His second book is *Cathedral on Fire!: A Church Handbook for the Climate Crisis*. In the book, he focuses attention on the unique and vitally needed gifts that churches can offer to the climate movement while also offering field-tested actions for congregations to take.

Rev. Dr. Berndt has a Ph.D. in Homiletics from the Graduate Theological Union and a M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH BAKE SALE

UWF is pleased to announce that due to the generosity of the members of Faith United Methodist Church, last Sunday's Bake Sale raised \$785 in support of the Youth Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip in July. Thank you to all who baked and worked to make this a success!



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

JOIN US AT FAITH UMC FOR A TALK WITH AUTHOR NICO LANG

Award winning author of *American Teenager* - exploring the lives of trans kids

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC

Light luncheon followed by author reading and Q&A



Nico Lang (they/them) is a nonbinary award-winning journalist with over a decade of experience covering the transgender community's fight for equality. Their work has appeared in major publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time* and *The Washington Post*.

"A master class in journalism as a force for change." -SAMANTHA ALLEN

AMERICAN TEENAGER



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SURVIVING HATE AND FINDING JOY
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FAITH SHOWS UP FOR PRIDE: DC PRIDE PARADE



Above: Julia Evans, Nancy Kuhn, Pastor Laura, Hazel, Nora, Kristin, Franklin & Ivey Justice and Tim Evans

The energy at Pride is incredibly positive and it's always a joy to see how the parade grows every year. I am so proud to be a member of FUMC and a community that is so committed to love, light, and inclusion.

- Julia Evans

Faith members and friends enthusiastically participated in last weekend's Pride parade in Washington, D.C. They joined with other United Methodists from across the region to show support for the LGBTQ+ community and to share a message of love, inclusion, and welcome. With matching shirts and joyful energy, the group represented Faith's commitment to affirming that all people are beloved children of God.

SERVING US TODAY

Altar Guild for June: JoAnn Castagnola & Helen McMunn

Audio Visual Volunteers: Connor Dowd, Chuck Spencer & Jason Spriggs

Congregational Welcome: Sara Romeyn

Liturgist: Jeff Bryant

Money Counters: Tim Evans & Jane Rall

Nursery Caregivers: Jane Rall & Celina Schmidt

Online Host: Carol Henley

Welcome Hosts: Arvina Dalaya Gadre & Tim Evans

FAITH UMC STAFF

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