

back to basics

the stories we receive

the practices we keep

the love we share



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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.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please note: Projection slides will not be available this morning.

Please use your bulletin to follow along with the liturgy.

GOD GATHERS US

Centering

Prelude: *Rêverie from 24 Pièces en Style Libre, Op. 31, No. 10 (1913)*

Ann Bartlow, organ

Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

Welcome Jennifer Young, Accessibility & Inclusivity Ministry, chair

Call to Worship

Ryan Babula, Liturgist

One: When fear tells us there is no way forward,

All: God makes a way.

One: When bondage tells us nothing can change,

All: God leads toward freedom.

One: Before we know how to respond,

All: grace has already come toward us.

One: Come with empty hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive the gifts of God.

One: Let us worship the God of liberation and grace.

GOD SPEAKS

Anthem: *Hanacpachap Cussicuinin* (1631)

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Anonymous: oldest known polyphonic piece composed in the Americas (Peru)

Translation of the Quechan: Heaven's joy! | A thousand times
shall we praise you. | O tree bearing thrice-blessed fruit, | O hope
of humankind, helper of the weak, | hear our prayer. || Attend to
our plea, | O column of ivory, Mother of God. | Beautiful iris,
yellow and white, | receive this song we offer you; | come to our
assistance, | show us the fruit of your womb.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:5-14, 19-29

Ryan Babula

The readings can be found in the Old Testament
on pages #60-61 of the pew Bible.

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

WE RESPOND

*Gathering at the Table: Hymn TFSW #2236: *Gather Us In* (insert)
Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell and Stewards

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

Leader: Merciful God,

you lead your people toward freedom,

yet we confess how easily we return to the things
that bind us.

**People: We trust what we can control
more than we trust your grace.**

We imagine that everything we possess is ours alone.

**We cling to our security
while neighbors struggle for enough.**

**We forget what we have received
and focus instead on what we fear losing.**

Forgive us.

**Lead us again through the waters.
Free us from fear, scarcity, and self-reliance.
Teach us to receive your gifts with gratitude
and to share them with joy.**

**Make us a people whose open hands
are ready both to receive and to give. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:
The God who heard the cries of an enslaved people
still hears the cries of the world...

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: ...And so, with your people in every land and every
age,
with the saints who have gone before us
and with all creation,
we praise your name:

**People: 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.**

Leader: ...We remember grace given before we could earn it.
We remember freedom given before we knew how to
live free.
We remember Christ giving himself in love.
And we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: 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.**

*Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the
ushers. You will approach the servers on the side you were
seated. From them 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 Receiving

**People: God of grace,
we came with open hands
and you have filled them again.**

**You have fed us with the bread of life
and welcomed us at Christ's table.**

**Let what we have received become gratitude,
and let our gratitude become generosity.**

**Send us into the world as people set free—
ready to share grace,
practice love,
and make room at the table.**

**In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Stewardship Moment: RECEIVE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Ryan Babula

Bible Presentation

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

*Hymn #534: *Be Still, My Soul*

Congregation and Chancel Choir; Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Maestoso*, from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi*, Op. 9 (1932)

Ann Bartlow, organ

Hermann Schroeder, 1904-1984



ATTENDANCE

We invite all guests and members to scan the QR code so we can acknowledge your attendance today.



Everyone Sign In!

OFFERING

Currently, we are not passing an offering plate. 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.

BACK TO BASICS...STEWARDSHIP

The Faith UMC 2027 Stewardship Campaign begins this week. This year, the committee will be offering messages of generosity, hope, thankfulness, and commitment from church members during the service, in keeping with our "Back to Basics" worship theme this fall.



Your financial support is vital as we prepare for the year ahead. By pledging to support the church, you allow us to plan for staffing, determine the ministries we can support, and ensure we continue to belong, become, believe and be love in the world. Together, we can make a lasting impact in our church community and also in the wider world.

Look for your pledge card in the mail next week, or feel free to submit your pledge online by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laura & Andy Basford (basfordlaura@gmail.com; andy_basford@yahoo.com).

SAVE THE DATE: This year's Stewardship Campaign will be wrapping up on Commitment Sunday, November 8, followed by a special Stewardship Fellowship Time. We hope you will join us. Details to follow.



YOUNG SINGERS OF FAITH

Today following worship

Young Singers of Faith gather today and almost every Sunday after 10 a.m. worship in Room 200. We learn the fundamentals of singing, pitch matching, and music reading while working on music that we will sing in worship on occasion. The group also participates in the Family Christmas Eve service at Faith the afternoon of December 24. Rehearsals end by noon.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Today at 11:30 a.m.

Youth (grades 6-12) of Faith UMC and N. Bethesda UMC will gather at Faith following worship to begin a Bible Study series. "What does God say about attending church?" will launch the series. launch the series. Contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Ministry Coordinator at ssmedberg@FaithWorksHere.com for more details. Scan the QR code to access the weekly full year schedule with dates, times, locations and topics.



SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Cora Miller

Altar Guild for September: Laura Basford & Debbie Spriggs

Audio Visual Volunteers: Brian Hahs & Eric Winchenbach

Communion Stewards: Nancy Kuhn, Jane Rall, LeRoy & Sue Walters

Congregational Welcome: Jennifer Young

Fellowship Hosts: Ann & Mike Coppersmith

Liturgist: Ryan Babula

Money Counters: Tim Evans & Jim Johnston

Nursery Caregivers: Nancy Hart & Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Sunday School Teachers

Elementary: Ann Coppersmith, Dawn Adair Johnson, Janice Jones & Kristen Wayne

Middle School: Dave Cope & Sara Romeyn

Welcome Hosts: Arvina Dalaya Gadre & Suzanne Dennis

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, Financial Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director