

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, thank you for these gifts. May they be used to inspire us and others to seek the moral and ethical courage to stand straight and to follow the teachings of Jesus. Amen.

† HYMN 156

I Love to Tell the Story

SERMON

Called

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

† HYMN 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

† PRAYER

Generous and gracious God. All praise be given to you, for your constancy is everlasting. Praise to our Parent, stern but forgiving. Praise to you Son, older and wiser. Praise to your Spirit, who makes us brothers and sisters.

† BENEDICTION

Go now to speak the words God gives you to all those to whom God sends you. Offer your worship to God with thanksgiving and with works of freedom and mercy. And may God be your shelter to keep you safe; and may the Holy Spirit be with you to deliver you and to make you perfect with all God's faithful ones. **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You

† Please stand if you are able.

† OPENING PRAYER

We worship and adore you, O God, for you are just and you are merciful. Send your Spirit upon us, so that we may be people who seek to bring justice to the world. Help us to reach out in mercy for those who have been denied justice. Then we will reflect your nature and our heritage will be lasting. Amen.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader Come and worship the God who desires our good.

People We praise our creator, who is also our redeemer.

Leader God desires blessing and wholeness for all.

People We rejoice in God's goodness towards all of us.

Leader God's blessing comes as we care for the poor and the needy.

People With God's help, we will reach out to those in need.

† OPENING HYMN 432

Jesu, Jesu

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Designer of life and all that is, there is so much we do not understand. Why do we want to do what is right ethically and morally and then don't do it? Why do we find a way around the commandments and ignore our responsibility? Give us the courage to be honest and to do what we know to be life-giving. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News! By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we are called to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven. We are called to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Page 533, pew Bible

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:10-17

Page 738, pew Bible

OFFERTORY

Despite our questions and the ambiguities in our lives, we can be thankful for the breath of life and for the resources that help sustain it. We share the expenses of ministry here and through out the global village. Share as you can.



Good morning and welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. Our hope is that you will feel God's presence through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people. We are blessed by your presence and our doors are always open to you. *Please complete a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you and give it to an usher.* We have a gift for you that we feel will have an impact on your life! We hope you feel at home and invite you to worship with us again.

Welcome
to Our Church