

Faith United Methodist Church

God's People Gather to Worship at 9:00 am

† Call to Worship

Leader Come all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

Response We come in response to the one who calls us friends. We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

Leader Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

Response Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

Leader Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things. Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

Response We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world.

† Opening Hymn 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Affirmation of Faith 883

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Praise God!

Psalter Psalm 98 Page 818, UMH

† New Testament Reading Acts 8:27-39 Page 777, pew Bible

Offering/Offertory Isaiah 49:13

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Page 95, UMH

Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn 369 Blessed Assurance

Sermon The Outsider Rev. Edgar A. Brady

† Hymn of Celebration 370 Victory in Jesus

† Prayer

Eucharist

Celebration of Prayer for Drew Murphy

† Sending Worship brings us together as family, but what keeps us together is our mutual love of God. Amen.

† Hymn 666 Shalom to You

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

God's People Gather to Worship at 11:00 am

† Greetings

† Opening Songs of Praise

Children's Moments

† New Testament Reading Acts 8:27-39 Page 777, pew Bible

Sermon The Outsider Rev. Edgar A. Brady

Eucharist

Prayer

† Offering/Songs of Praise

† Sending Forth

You are invited to the communion rail during this time for prayers of healing, intercession for others, strength and comfort, confession, salvation, or any other need. The Pastor and prayer team will meet you there.

† Please stand if you are able.



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.