

Faith United Methodist Church

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

† Call to Worship

Leader God has set apart those who are faithful. Our Creator will hear us when we call.
Response *God puts gladness in our hearts and minds. We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.*
Leader Beloved, we are God's children now. What we will be has not yet been revealed.
Response *We are here to remember Jesus Christ. We want to be like the One who lived by love.*
Leader Our faith strengthens us for each day's living. God empowers our ministries of caring.
Response *We trust God whose children we are. We look forward to what God will reveal to us.*

† Opening Hymn 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

Affirmation of Faith 885

Prayer of Confession (*In unison*)

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet we know we do not abide in your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by you, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness you promise and the health you offer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to all who repent and seek new life in Christ. The peace of God dwells in us when we honestly examine ourselves, exposing our wounds to Love's healing and our self-deceit to Love's correction. Beloved, we are accepted by God whose will for us is a joyous freedom in Christ Jesus.

Psalter Psalm 4 *Page 741, UMH*

† New Testament Reading Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34 *Page 685, pew Bible*

Offering/Offertory Hebrews 4:14

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

Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn 462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Sermon *What Are You Afraid Of?* Mr. Gary Todd

† Hymn of Celebration 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

† Prayer

† Sending God's love remains an eternal mystery to us, one that we are not meant to understand. Yet God asks us to share that love with others. Amen.

† Hymn 666 Shalom to You

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

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

† Greetings

† Opening Songs of Praise

Children's Moments

† New Testament Reading Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34 *Page 685, pew Bible*

Sermon *What Are You Afraid Of?* Mr. Gary Todd

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.