

*Faith United Methodist Church*

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

Response *God is always nearer than our next breath. We gather to become more aware of that presence.*

Leader Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous. They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

Response *There is always more to discover than we know. God is our teacher and helper and judge.*

Leader Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve. Learn to be peaceable, gentle, and merciful.

Response *We seek to do good and not harm all our days. We would open our hands to the poor and needy.*

† OPENING HYMN 530 Are Ye Able

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 888

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Forgive us, God, for our complacent attitudes and self-serving comforts. We do not relish the thought of sacrificing for some larger good we cannot see, for people with whom we find it difficult to identify. We compare ourselves favorably against many who seem less attuned to your purposes than we, forgetting that our true standard is Christ Jesus. We ask you to take from us all the bitterness, envy, and anger that stands in the way of your reign. May all we ask of you be for the common good of all your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God, who tries our hearts and minds, judges righteously, hears our prayers, and forgives and upholds us. In our daily meditation, God meets us, and in our encounters with one another, God's presence is revealed in unexpected ways to those who are alert and receptive. Nourished by the streams of living water which our God provides, we will prosper in the work God gives us to do.

PSALTER Psalm 1 *Page 738, UMH*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING James 4:1-7 *Page 855, pew Bible*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Deuteronomy 8:17-18

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 191 Jesus Loves Me

SERMON *The War Within* Rev. Edgar A. Brady

HYMN OF CELEBRATION 407 Close to Thee

PRAYER

† SENDING Now we see only dimly, but soon we will see with the clarity of God. Until that time, then, let us show our willingness to be guided through life. Amen.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 23, 2018*

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

† GREETINGS

† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

† SONGS OF PRAISE

† NEW TESTAMENT READING James 4:1-7 *Page 855, pew Bible*

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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.