

Faith United Methodist Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

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

† OPENING PRAYER

We stand in awe of you, Most Gracious God. You love your people no matter the circumstance. You want us to live meaningful lives with you at the center. So, we say to you, Loving God: Come! Send your Holy Spirit to dwell with us in our worship. Open our hearts to receive and our minds to be challenged by the teachings of Jesus the Christ. This we pray. Amen.

† GREETING *(Take time this morning to greet each other in the name of Christ.)*

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(RESPONSIVELY)*

Leader Live a life that is full, build, plant, eat, love, multiply, pray for your communities.

People *Keep God in the center of all that is.*

Leader We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts.

People *For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires.*

Leader God has made a promise of faithfulness to us and we can trust the promise. Therefore, let us worship in spirit and truth.

† OPENING HYMN 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(RESPONSIVELY)*

Leader Let us pray, we cannot sing our praise to you, O God,

People *when we dishonor your creation.*

Leader We cannot sing our praise to you, O God,

People *when we use our voices to defame others.*

Leader We cannot sing our praises to you, O God,

People *when we claim for ourselves the honor due to you.*

Leader We cannot sing our praises to you, O God,

People *when we fail to recognize your healing work.*

Leader In order that we might sing, we need you and nothing else at the center of our lives.

People *Place new desires in our hearts so that we sing to you and to you alone.*

Leader We make this prayer to you, O God from the places within our being where a reminder of your love is needed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even when we feel ourselves exiled and far from you, even when we forget to sing your

praises, you assure us that you have not forgotten us! We are comforted by your promises of forgiveness and love.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 66:1-7

Page 410, pew Bible

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 17:11-19

Page 741, pew Bible

OFFERTORY

Dear Lord, you have given us so much, may we be forever thankful in our giving today.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Page 95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Healing, we thankfully acknowledge your infinite ability to reach out to those in need. You intimately know our personal storms and private challenges. You sent your Holy Son to restore and to mend our broken faith. We entrust these gifts to your care so that your reconciling love may be a beacon of hope for those in despair. In your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

† HYMN 467

Trust and Obey

SERMON

A Miracle of Gratitude

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

† HYMN 530

Are Ye Able

† PRAYER

Lord, I'm weary. My energy is sagging, and my motivation is lagging. And I am so in need of you. I need your strength and your fresh touch to get back on track again. The pressures of life sometimes push me into a corner, rendering me helpless to move forward. A hundred voices call my name, and I feel paralyzed at times to answer, not knowing where to turn. Lord, help me not to quit, to keep running the race faithfully, and to find strength in that safe, secret place of yours, under the shadow of the Almighty...

TIME OF JOYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† BENEDICTION

Go now, and live fruitfully where God has placed you. Pray and strive for the welfare of those you live among, and do your best to present yourselves to God as faithful workers with no need to be ashamed. And may God open the pathways before you. May Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole. And may the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive and your feet from stumbling. **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You