

Faith United Methodist Church

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Wait for God, who deals gently with us. Watch for God's appearance among us.
Response Out of the depths we cry out to God. Will God hear the voice of our supplications?

Leader In all times and places, we can rely on God. We can know steadfast love, here and now.
Response We keep our morning watch together. We will support one another as we seek to know God.

Leader Find hope in God's power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day God promises to us.
Response Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.

† OPENING HYMN 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 887

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

O Holy Spirit, how we have grieved you. How often our words have been bitter, filled with malice and anger. How easily have we uttered lies of pretension and self-protection. How readily we take for ourselves the rewards of another's labor! Forgive all that is false and evil within us and among us. Free us from the self-satisfying excuses that keep us from reaching out to one another. We want to believe, to trust, to live as imitators of Jesus Christ. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God redeems us from our iniquities. Forgiveness is ours to receive and to share. God gives us the opportunity to become members of one another, speaking truth with our own hands, building each other up and sharing with the needy. The gift of grace we have received grows larger in our lives as we extend it to friends and strangers we meet.

PSALTER Psalm 130 *Page 848, UMH*

† OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-18 *Page 14, pew Bible*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Genesis 28:20-22

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

SERMON *Are You a Friend of God?* Mr. Gary Todd

HYMN OF CELEBRATION 467 Trust and Obey

PRAYER

† SENDING We are built together as the body of Christ, each of us with our own special gifts and graces to complete the work of God. Let us show our spirit of community to the world as we show it to one another.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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

† OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-18 *Page 14, pew Bible*

SERMON *Are You a Friend of God?* 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.

We welcome Mr. Gary Todd as our Guest Speaker this morning. Mr. Todd is a member of Faith Church, where he plans and leads an ongoing Sunday evening Bible Study, as well as participating in many other activities at the church.



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.