

Faith United Methodist Church

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Ascribe to God glory and strength; worship God in holy splendor.
Response *The splendor of our Creator meets us here. We are filled with awe before our God.*
Leader The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty. God offers strength and peace to all people.
Response *God's voice thunders over the waters. God's strength empowers our response.*
Leader Holy, Holy, holy is the God of hosts. The whole earth is full of God's glory.
Response *The universe is God's dwelling place. There is no place from which God is absent.*

† OPENING HYMN 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

God of all worlds, we confess that we are too much people of the flesh, living in slavery to our possessions and our fears. We are so attached to our little corner of the world that we find it difficult to identify with people whose experience is far different from our own. We do not want to suffer with the homeless, the hungry, the refugees, the oppressed. We turn away from the suffering of Jesus to pursue temporary advantages. We act like just another human organization, not the body of Christ making a difference in the world. O God, forgive us and reclaim us as your children. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God always claims us and loves us. When we confess we are lost and seek new birth in the Spirit, putting to death our selfish pursuits, we can receive what God always offers, participation in God's realm. We are born anew to life which already partakes of eternity. The cleansing coals of forgiveness touch our lips, taking away our guilt and blotting out our sin. Receive this gift from God.

PSALTER Psalm 47 Page 781, UMH

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-9 Page 777, pew Bible

OFFERING/OFFERTORY 1 John 5:1-2

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 310 He Lives
SERMON On the Damascus Road Rev. Edgar A. Brady

† HYMN OF CELEBRATION 368 My Hope Is Built

† SENDING People of God, rejoice! You are going out to meet the world as representatives of Christ. God has entrusted this great responsibility to those who love the Lord.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

Ascension Sunday

May 13, 2018

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

† GREETINGS

† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-9 Page 777, 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.

Welcome
To Our
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.