

*Faith United Methodist Church*

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

Response *Happy are those who live in God's house! Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.*

Leader Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of the earth are God's children.

Response *We greet one another by name in Jesus' Name. Together we extol the name of our God.*

Leader Open your hearts to receive new strength. Open your lives to renewed understandings.

Response *Surely God will equip us to face our world. We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.*

† OPENING HYMN 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 889

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Alert us now, eternal Spirit, to your presence among us in this place. Together we confess that we have been busy with so many things that we have often forgotten you. We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others and presume to defend you. We have forgotten that your love is stronger than any force on earth. Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back into the company of disciples who are learning and growing in love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are those who daily find their strength in the living God, seeking to walk uprightly. Happy are those who trust in God, who sincerely and truthfully seek to serve where God needs them most. God redeems us, whatever our circumstances, lifting our spirits, even when our bodies are in chains. May we serve boldly as ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

PSALTER Psalm 111 *Page 832, UMH*

† OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 3:7-14 *Page 238, pew Bible*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Joshua 24:15

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 395 Take Time to Be Holy

SERMON *Expressing Gratitude* Rev. Edgar A. Brady

HYMN OF CELEBRATION 407 Close to Thee

PRAYER

† SENDING God has shown us how to be humble. We now must take up that challenge and show God that we have been paying attention.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 12, 2018*

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

† GREETINGS

† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

† SONGS OF PRAISE

† OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 3:7-14 *Page 238, 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.