

*Faith United Methodist Church*

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

Response *This is a place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.*

Leader The Maker of all seeks our common good. The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

Response *We are not judges over our sisters and brothers. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

Leader Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

Response *We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.*

† OPENING HYMN 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we show mercy, we are able to accept God's mercy, which triumphs over judgment. God can turn our waywardness upside down and set us on the path of true community with those whom we have disdained or ignored. God opens our minds and hearts to hear and understand those who need our help. God empowers our response.

PSALTER Psalm 126 *Page 847, UMH*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING James 2:1-8 *Page 854, pew Bible*

OFFERING/OFFERTORY 2 Corinthians 9:12-13

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

SERMON *Segregation In the House of Prayer* Rev. Edgar A. Brady

HYMN OF CELEBRATION 378 Amazing Grace

PRAYER

† SENDING Share what we have been given—God's promises, God's love, and God's truth—with others. If we keep it to ourselves, we are failing to uphold our calling. Amen.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 9, 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 2:1-8 *Page 854, 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**

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.