

Faith United Methodist Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader Come and worship the God who seeks justice and mercy.

People *We come to worship, but we also come with fear.*

Leader God invites us to enter into a life of faith that casts out fear.

People *We long for a faith so strong it can conquer all.*

Leader It is God's gift to you, and through you to all the world.

People *We will embrace God's gift and share it with others.*

† OPENING HYMN 77

How Great Thou Art

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Leader Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our being swept up in a climate of fear.

People *We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We know we are your people, filled with your Spirit, and yet we succumb to the cries of doom all around us. Instead of listening to the Spirit speaking words of faith, we listen to the naysayers speaking words of fear and hatred.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is not ashamed to be called your God. Though your sins are like scarlet they shall be like snow; though they are like crimson, they shall be like wool. Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven. Be at peace.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

Page 10, pew Bible

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Page 851, pew Bible

OFFERTORY

We thank you that you are preparing a heavenly city for those who put their faith in your promises, giving away their riches on earth and treasuring heaven in their hearts.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Page 95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we present these offerings for the work of your Church that it may always be ready to see you and serve you in meeting the needs of people all around us. Amen.

† HYMN 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

SERMON

What Else is Needed

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

† HYMN 419

I Am Thine, O Lord

† PRAYER


† BENEDICTION

Go now like those prepared for the Lord to return. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed. Give freely to those in need and let your treasure be in the things of heaven. And may God not be ashamed to be called your God, may Christ Jesus find you attentive and well prepared, and may the Holy Spirit give you the assurance of all that has been promised to you. **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You

† 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.