

*Faith United Methodist Church*

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 6, 2019*

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

† OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

† GREETING *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.***

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVELY*)

Leader Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

**People We are the People of God!**

Leader Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition.

**People We are brothers and sisters in Christ!**

Leader For there is one Lord, one faith, and one Baptism.

**People We are one in God's Spirit!**

Leader We are one, and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

**People For we are the people of Redemption!**

Leader He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

**People Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*IN UNISON*)

Lord, on this World Communion Sunday, help us examine our hearts so that we may pay proper respect to Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Thank you for offering reconciliation to all of humankind, the forgiveness of sins through Christ, our high priest. Almighty and ever-present God, we confess our sins to you. We are truly sorry for our wrongdoings and shortcomings, for sins of commission and sins of omission. Forgive us, we pray, in Christ's name. Empower us to serve you fully, to share the resources we have with those who have less, to weep with those who weep, and to laugh with those who laugh. Help us to be good stewards over the earth you have placed in our care; help us to unite in love and concern for one another, not just in our local community, but with brothers and sisters in all the world.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father

who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:1-6 *Page 428, pew Bible*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 17:5-10 *Page 741, pew Bible*

OFFERTORY

Holy God, as we read your word, may your Spirit speak through it, that it may be for us the word of life. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful. We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ, for your gift of the church in its global witness, for the capacity to give. May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

† HYMN 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SERMON *Our Faith Beyond Ourselves* Rev. David A. E. Whitt

† PRAYER

God of justice and peace, you stand with those who are poor. Now in prayers spoken and unspoken, we call upon you for those who suffer...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† HYMN 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

EUCHARIST (See bulletin enclosure)

† BENEDICTION

Blessings upon you, upon those you love and those you shall never know. Blessings upon your steps and upon the vision of your eyes. Blessings upon you in all circumstances; joy and sorrow, for wisdom rests in them, twin experiences with different faces. Blessings be upon what lies before you, the challenges and decisions, the pain and the relief. Blessings upon you, my friends in Christ. **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You