

Faith United Methodist Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Laity Sunday – October 20, 2019

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

† OPENING PRAYER

We come to worship, O God, in response to your Word spoken in Jesus Christ. Receive us as faithful witnesses to the Christian faith inspired by your Spirit and desiring to be found ready at the coming of the Son of humanity, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† GREETING *(Take time this morning to greet each other in the name of Christ.)*

† CALL TO WORSHIP *(IN UNISON)*

Leader We have needed the light of Christ

People *as it shines through our darkest moments.*

Leader We have seen the light of God

People *as it illuminates the joys and blessings in our lives.*

Leader We have the light of the spirit

People *as it moves and guides us on our path.*

† OPENING HYMN 474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(IN UNISON)*

Lord, we confess that we have not followed Your way. We have not imaged ourselves after Jesus' love and care for the sick. We have instead delegated that to others whose time we deem less valuable than our own. We have given up hope too soon on those that You continue to comfort and heal. Forgive us for forgetting you are the Great Physician who through all things are possible. May our eyes be opened to the healing, comfort and grace only You can administer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As Jesus healed the afflicted and restored those who have died, he also forgives our sins and gives us new life. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 17:14 *Page 549, pew Bible*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17 *Page 834, pew Bible*

OFFERTORY

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy you have given us so much. We give back to You this morning with love and gratitude.

† OFFERTORY HYMN 530

Are Ye Able

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Page 95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you sent us your Son to teach us how to live together with one another, and Jesus taught us to be compassionate and show mercy to others. As we give our gifts this morning, we remember that our lives are a journey, and we see those that are hurting and wounded along the way. Some we can see, some we cannot. May the gifts we offer be used to ease pain and to give hope to those who wait for help. We pray as we serve, in Jesus' name. Amen.

† HYMN 397

Standing on the Promises

MESSAGE

Sharing Thanks for Our Healing

Members of the Congregation

† HYMN 369

Blessed Assurance

PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF JOYS

† BENEDICTION *(IN UNISON)*

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.*

