

# Faith United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2019

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

## † OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, who conquers the power of sin in each generation by your grace poured out in the death of Jesus our Lord, make firm our devotion to Christ, that our likeness to Adam and Eve may be transformed into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

## † CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader      God expressed confidence in Jacob even though Jacob was unworthy through sin.

**People      As Jacob was running from his sin, God came to him with the assurance of divine protection.**

Leader      God renewed the covenant he had made with Abraham, promising Jacob he would be blessed with God's faithfulness.

**People      Like Jacob, may we realize God's presence in our lives, and commit our ways to him.**

† OPENING HYMN 694      Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, so often when we read in the Scriptures of the sins of leaders such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we think smugly we could never make mistakes like those. Forgive us, Lord, for in our own ways we each have strayed away from being all You created us to be. Lord, help us accept that You love us because You are Love, not because we are lovable. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News! We have been saved, though only in hope. The splendor is still in store for us. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening!

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:20-22

Page 21, pew Bible

## † NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 12:41-44

Page 718, pew Bible

## OFFERTORY

Multiplier of small things, make of us a force for good. May we give as you have blessed us to the glory of your name.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Page 95, UMH

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bless you, O God, in all sincerity for the many benefits you have granted us. In Christ we are rich indeed. Your Spirit is poured out in generous measure on your church. Receive the offering we offer you in the Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## † HYMN 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

## SERMON

Jacob's Promise

Rev. David A. E. Whitt

## PRAYER

Hear us as we pray for the church, holy, universal, and apostolic, of which by your grace we are members. Remove the errors and division that disturb and weaken the church. Raise up a continuing succession of faithful ministers to speak the truth of Christ with loving zeal. Increase the number of people who will be doers of the word and not merely hearers deceiving themselves.

By every available medium send your saving work to the limits of human habitation that there may no longer be dark places unlit by the shining word of your grace in Jesus Christ.

We pray for our country and for our government, that justice may be fulfilled and that all citizens be led to contribute to the common good.

Hear our prayers for the sick and the sorrowing, especially those who have requested our supplications on their behalf or for those dear to them. Heal their injuries, cure their diseases, restore them to health and strength, that they may rejoice in your mercy.

Have compassion on those who in grief and bitterness eat ashes like bread and mingle tears with their drink. Lift up those who are depressed and others who have no sense of their own dignity in your sight. Bring peace of mind to the disturbed and freedom to the addicted.

Grant us perseverance that we may complete the work you have for us to do here, and then receive us into the heavenly service and rest, to the praise of your name, God most holy, God most loving, God most wise. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TIME OF JOYS

## † HYMN 418

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

## † BENEDICTION

Go now, joyfully giving thanks to the one true King. Prepare a pathway for the Lord, endure everything with patience, and teach people of salvation through the forgiveness of sins. And may God gather you into safety. May Christ Jesus strengthen you with glorious power, and may the Holy Spirit guide your feet on the way of peace.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen.**

## † HYMN 666

Shalom to You