

*Faith United Methodist Church*  
*Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost      November 17, 2019*  
*God's People Gather to Worship at 9:00 am*

† OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, in the words of Christ You have called us always to be alert and true to Your call on our lives, for we have no guarantee of tomorrow. We praise You, O God. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*RESPONSIVELY*)

Leader      Show us Your mercy, O Lord. Send us a sign of Your presence and love.

**People      Grant us Your salvation, Lord, for we are weary and worn.**

Leader      The Lord's Truth shall indeed be among us.

**People      God's Righteousness shall come from heaven to be in our midst.**

Leader      And there shall be peace to all who turn to God in their hearts.

**All      Blessed be the name of the Lord! Praise be to God.**

† OPENING HYMN 380      There's Within My Heart a Melody

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*IN UNISON*)

Lord, so often we have been like those of old who waited for You to send a Savior. We have prayed for You to deliver us from our circumstances, but we have not been willing to accept Your leadership in our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for not seeing Your presence around us, and for acting at times like Jesus did not die for our sins. In Christ we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News! Surely God is your salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Isaiah 53:8-11      *Page 523, pew Bible*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING      John 4:38-42      *Page 753, pew Bible*

OFFERTORY

Eternal God, thank you for your Spirit working among us. We give you ourselves.  
Thankful people are generous people!

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, we know that we cannot solve all of the problems of the world, but neither can we ignore them. Bless these gifts that they may be used to strengthen the ministry of your Church as it strives to serve the needs of our day. Amen.

† HYMN 452      My Faith Looks Up to Thee

SERMON      *Jesus my Savior*      Lynn Denges

PRAYER

Creating God, like men and women through time, we pray for peace within ourselves and in the world, strength sufficient for each day, relief from pain and disease, safety for our children, wisdom for our parents, enough food and water for every creature, and wise leaders in every country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF JOYS

† HYMN (Congregational selection)

† BENEDICTION

Go now with courage, for God is with you. Do not let anyone deceive you, but put your trust in the God of the living. Go from this place with a song on your lips, with gratitude as your dominant attitude. Go with a lilt in your step and a sparkle in your eyes! And may our Lord Jesus Christ who loved us through grace give us eternal comfort and good hope. Feel the Spirit of the Living God guiding you each step and word along the way! Comfort your hearts through the Holy Spirit and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

† HYMN 666      Shalom to You

