

Faith United Methodist Church

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day; wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold; watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us; enter to praise God's marvelous works.

**God's steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

† OPENING HYMN 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God contends with us in our fears, identifies our rebellion, and transforms our contrition into courage. Our Creator does not give up on us when we are discouraged or reject us when our pretensions get out of hand. God, who exalted Jesus, is ready to forgive and lift us up. Christ walks with us on the way of faithfulness, empowering us to become the disciples we are called to be.

PSALTER Psalm 118: 14-29 Page 839, UMH

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:28-40 Page 743, pew Bible

OFFERING/OFFERTORY Philippians 2:5-8

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

SERMON When the Cheering Stops Rev. Edgar A. Brady

† HYMN OF CELEBRATION 371 I Stand Amazed in the Presence

† SENDING May the God of hope open your eyes. May the God of all peace still your anxious mind. May the God of all love fill your hearts to fullness beyond measure. Go now, in the hope and peace and love of God. Amen.

† HYMN 666 Shalom to You

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

God's People Gather to Worship at 11:00 am

† GREETINGS

† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

† SONGS OF PRAISE

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:28-40 Page 743, pew Bible

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PRAYER

† OFFERING/SONGS OF PRAISE

† SENDING FORTH  
You are invited to the communion rail during this time for prayers of healing, intercession for others, strength and comfort, confession, salvation, or any other need. The Pastor and prayer team will meet you there.

† Please stand if you are able.

Holy Week Worship and Prayer

**Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm, April 18th, Worship Service at Faith Church  
**Easter Vigil** Thursday, April 18th, 8:00 pm—Sunday, April 21st, 8:00 am  
**Good Friday** 12:00 pm, April 19th, Community Worship Service at Twinsburg Town Square  
**Easter Sunday** 9 & 11 am, April 21st, Easter Worship Services w/Communion and Cantata



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.