

Faith United Methodist Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

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

† OPENING PRAYER

Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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

† CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader It's a good time to gather, a good time to praise God for life!

People We love to be together in this place. With our whole selves we sing for joy!

Leader How happy we are when our souls are being nurtured!

People It is true; as we sing and pray, listen and respond to God's voice, we feel inspired, encouraged, and strengthened.

Leader God is here inviting us to explore the perplexing aspects of our lives.

People We eagerly accept the invitation! Let our exploration begin!

† OPENING HYMN 357 Just as I Am, Without One Plea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Many times we have repented of our sins, Father; but mentally we like to think we are keeping life in balance with our righteousness. Forgive us when we have tried to justify ourselves by deeds of righteousness. Forgive us when we have resisted the humility needed for an honest confession of sin. Reveal to us our sinful nature, that we may seek your forgiveness with sincere penitence. We pray through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good News! God has mercy on sinners. God acquits us of our sins, exalting the humble. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Therefore run the great race. Finish your course. Keep the faith. A garland of goodness awaits you and all who have set their hearts on Christ's appearing on that great day.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 84:1-7 Page 420, pew Bible

† NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:9-14 Page 942, pew Bible

OFFERTORY

We are committed to ministry in this place, inside and outside these walls. Money, time, and skills are needed. Share what you can.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Page 95, UMH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, humbly we present these offerings, knowing that each of us could probably do more. Accept our gifts as well as our service, which we dedicate to your glory. Amen.

† HYMN 397 I Need Thee Every Hour

† SERMON No Right Place to Stand Rev. David A. E. Whitt

† HYMN 402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

† INTERCESSIONS PRAYER

Holy One, our times are in your hands. We are grateful that you care for us and for all the earth. We do not understand why things are as they are, but we trust that you will never leave us nor forsake us. We are mindful of the intricate ways you bless us and call us to be our best selves. Thank you for your consistent love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF JOYS

† BENEDICTION

Be careful with what you see; be careful with what you hear; be careful with what you speak. You and I are how God works grace and goodness in our homes and neighborhoods and the world. You and I are the hands and feet, voice and hope of the living God! **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.

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.