

Faith United Methodist Church

God's People Gather to Worship at 10:00 am

† CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Arise, shine; for your light has come. The glory of God has risen among us.

We are awake; we are alive! Praise God for deliverance and blessings.

Lift up your eyes to see all around you. Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.

May justice water the earth like a shower; let righteousness and peace abound.

Receive again the promises of the gospel. Participate in the mystery of Jesus Christ.

God's ways are being revealed to us today. Our church proclaims the unsearchable riches of Christ.

† OPENING HYMN 219

What Child Is This

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

God of light, we admit our retreat into the shadows of pretension and exclusion. How often we choose to associate with people who are like us and then look down on others who differ from us. It is easier to discover their sins than to admit our own. We judge the poor and join their oppressors, while you call us to identify with those in need, that all may prosper together. We imagine that we alone are faithful stewards of your grace, while you welcome, as fellow saints with us, many whom we ignore. Save us from our earthbound judgments, that we may look up and be guided by the star that draws all people to yourself. Awed by your forgiving presence, we fall down to worship you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can come to Almighty God in boldness and confidence, assured of the gift of grace and empowerment of the Spirit. Lift up your eyes to see the glory of God. Receive light and healing, for God has come to dwell in us and among us. Let your hearts rejoice and your faces be radiant as we share the abundance of God's love.

PSALTER

Psalms 72:1-7

Page 795, UMH

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 683, pew Bible

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

John 4:23-24

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 254

We Three Kings

SERMON

A Glimpse of the Incomprehensible

Rev. Edgar A. Brady

† HYMN OF CELEBRATION 245

The First Noel

PRAYER

EUCARIST

† SENDING

We have been called by God to show love to the world. We have eaten at God's table and received God's grace. May we always make the connection between these truths. Amen.

† HYMN 666

Shalom to You

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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

† GREETINGS

† OPENING SONGS OF PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

† SONGS OF PRAISE

† NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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PRAYER


† OFFERING/SONGS OF PRAISE

EUCARIST

† 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.



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.