Those Who Serve

Pastor: Joy Wigal

Musician: Chris Kennedy

Treasurer: Roberta Covert

Audio/Visual Technicians: Larisa Harper & Barb Wolfe

Custodian: Jordan McKee

Administrative Assistant: Amanda Hatfield



GATHER

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

PREPARING FOR NEW LIFE

GATHERING SONG OF INVITATION



Come out!
Come out of your comfortable spaces.
Come, meet Jesus in the difficult places.

QUESTIONS FOR METAMORPHOSIS

Safe in our cozy cocoons we wondered...

...does anything really need to change?

While the world rushed on around us, we wondered...

...what if I'm just not ready for whatever comes next?

When we fold our true selves down in order to fit inside the old container, we wonder...

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...am I truly honoring myself by staying in this shape?

When our worldviews are painfully challenged by new information, we wonder...

...could this discomfort indicate an opportunity for growth?

Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

"You too are my child.

You can emerge to renewed life.

Again and again."

Amen.

OPENING HYMN
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Are ye able?" Still the [Savior] whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, "Now, as then, in Galilee."

Lord, we are able!
Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us,
like Thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance
above us shall be
a beacon to God,
to love, and loyalty.

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Aggas Family
Baby Christian & Family
Bernice Osborne
Bev Wolford
Betty Miller
Bradley Adams
Brenda Shepherd
Brian Hina
Buck Brackman
David Inman
Dennis Cebulsky
Doug Adams
Dunn Family

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Ed McAuley
Ellen Kelton
Fred Cubbison
James Finlay Jr.
Jane Thorne
Janice Moore
Jasmine
Jill Shrock
Jim Tignor
JoAnne Peadon

Juanita Mohler

Judy & Ron Jr.

Karen Bay

Karen Norman

Kyle & Richard Felton Laura Peck Levi Tysinger Family Marilyn Inman Marlene Farley Pastor Joy Wigal Patty Pavlik Pear Bradford Ron Howard Ron Pyle Sr. Family Sarah Chapman & Family Saundra Boyd Steve Cahn Steve Inman Suzanne Collins Terry Pickens Thea & Mark Crawmer Tim & Sherry Dickerson Tonya Poli Vicky Wolfe Zola Duncan & Family Medical Faith Shut-in: Kathleen McCutcheon *Peace for the World*

Karen Wilson

UPCOMING LITURGISTS AND GREETERS			
Date	Liturgist	Greeters	
April 23	Mark	Floyd & Pat	
April 30	Gail	Jim & Barb	
May 7	Marsha	Don, Roberta & Susie	
May 14	Roberta	Chris & Heather	
May 21	Barb T.	Mark, Thea & Vickie	
May 28	Nick	Floyd & Pat	

BASEMENT SALE

Mark your calendars! Jim & Barb Tignor will lead the Faith UMC Basement Sale Saturday, May 6th from 8:00am-4:00pm. Bring your items to the church basement:

Wednesday, May 3rd 10am-2pm, Thursday, May 4th 10am-2pm, or Friday, May 5th 8am-12pm. Contact the church office at 740.453.7988 if you have questions.

Barb Wolfe and Don & Roberta Covert will run the kitchen during the sale. Monetary donations will be accepted for food. Please give donations directly to Roberta Covert or Barb Wolfe.

SUMMER MOVIES

The first of 3 summer movies Faith will host is on Friday, May 26th! We will serve hot dogs, popcorn and sno-cones to visitors and play the Paw Patrol movie at dark!

We will need volunteers to set-up before the movie, serve during, and tear down after. Contact the church office or Cindy Howard if you would like to volunteer!

ANNOUNCEMENT

Eventide Circle will not meet in the month of May. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2023.

THE WORD IN MUSIC "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

SERMON

From me... hold me... open me... unfold me... unfurl me... untether me... uncurl me... uncrease me... unwrap me...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYING WITH JESUS

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Truth and Light,
we offer you these gifts with humble hearts.
We yearn to share your unmistakable presence
with all people.

While we often find temporary security in our possessions, remind us that true security comes from our relationship with you through your son, Jesus Christ.

Strengthen and entrust us to be your faithful disciples.
In the name of the Exalted One, we pray. Amen.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

CLOSING HYMN "Take My Life" UMH 399

DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

Now go into your lives, ready to break free from stasis into the vibrant, fluttering possibilities that await beyond this comfortable place.

We go being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of things we do not see.

And may the assurance of the God who created you, the Christ who is raising you, and the Spirit that will unleash you, be with you now and always.

Blessed be.

Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 23			
Worship	10:30am		
Monday, April 24			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Tuesday, April 25			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Wednesday, April 26			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Thursday, April 27			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Sunday, April 30			
Worship	10:30am		
Monday, May 1			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Tuesday, May 2			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Primary Election	. 5:30am-7:30pm		
Wednesday, May 3			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Thursday, May 4			
Office Open	10:00am-2:00pm		
Saturday, May 6			
Basement Sale	. 8:00am-4:00pm		