

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

Faith United Methodist Church July 2, 2023

GATHER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ENTERING WORSHIP

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So, we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on [Spacious Faith](http://spaciousfaith.com/tag/deuteronomy-30/). <http://spaciousfaith.com/tag/deuteronomy-30/>

OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH 400

PASSING THE PEACE

1616 Blue Avenue | www.fumcz.org
fumcza@gmail.com | 740.453.7988



CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:12-23 (CEB)

SERMON: Choose Freedom

ENTERING INTO PRAYER

“Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES

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

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Aggas Family
Baby Asher & Family
Baby Christian & Family
Baby London
Bernice Osborne
Betty Howard
Betty Miller
Bev Wolford
Bradley Adams
Brenda Miller
Brenda Shepherd
Brian Hina
Chad Glass Family
David Inman
David Kreis Family
Dennis Cebulsky
Doug Adams
Dunn Family
Ed McAuley
Ellen Kelton
Gloria Jean Campbell
J.J. Jasper
Jacob Elson
James Finlay Jr.
Jane Thorne
Janet Hickman
Janice Moore
Jasmine
Jill Shrock
Jim & Patty Evans
JoAnne Peadon
Juanita Mohler
Julie Glass
Karen Bay

Karen Norman
Karen Wilson
Kyle & Richard Felton
Laura Peck
Marilyn Inman
Marlene Farley
Mike Camp Family
Nick Prindle
Pam Glass
Pastor Joy Wigal
Patty Pavlik
Pearl Bradford
Rita Spurrier
Rita Young
Ron Howard
Ron Pyle Sr. Family
Sarah Chapman & Family
Saundra Boyd
Shana
Steve Cahn
Steve Inman
Suzanne Collins
Terry Pickens
Thea & Mark Crawmer
Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Todd Fusner Family
Tonya Poli
Ty Dierkis
Vicky Butcher
Vicky Wolfe
Zola Duncan & Family
Medical Faith Shut-in:
Kathleen McCutcheon
Peace for the World

Jeremiah 33:6

‘Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 2

Worship 10:30am

Monday, July 3

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, July 4

Office Closed Happy Independence Day!

Wednesday, July 5

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Book Study 1:00pm

Thursday, July 6

Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Eventide Circle 12:45pm

SUMMER MOVIES

The next two Faith UMC summer movies are on Friday, June 30th and Friday, July 28th. We will serve hot dogs, popcorn and sno-cones to visitors and play each movie at dark!

We 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!

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed the week of July 16th-22nd.

SOCK DONATIONS

The Free Store is in need of new or gently-used clean socks. Shoppers have a 3 pair limit, but they go quickly. Donations can be dropped off in the shopping cart near the Faith playground doors.

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God,
We don't give because you make us.
We don't give because anyone else is watching.
We give because we are grateful
and because we want to be part of your work
in every way we can.
Jesus reminds us in the temple
that the way our money helps or hurts others
matters to you.
And so we ask that this money would help your
reign to flourish. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ our Lord...

...God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to love you most of all.

We have failed to fully be your church in this time and place.

We have sinned against you and each another by things we have done and things we have left undone.

We have not loved our neighbors because we have failed to see the Christ in others.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us to walk in the light of your grace,
and in full obedience to your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news...

...you are forgiven

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God,...

...their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Above All...

...proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

We pour ourselves...

...now and ever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Make Me a Captive, Lord” UMH 421

DISMISSAL & BENEDICTION

The choice is before us:

To follow the wisdom of God’s law

and know the freedom of life in Christ,

or to follow the wisdom of the world

that proves to be shallow, empty, deceptive

and unable to deliver on its promises.

God calls us to enter through the narrow gate to the path of discipleship.

Christ goes ahead of us, and the Spirit goes with us, for we never walk alone.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING LITURGISTS AND GREETERS		
Date	Liturgist	Greeters
July 2	Gail	Don, Roberta & Susie
July 9	Mark	Chris & Heather
July 16	Roberta	Mark, Thea & Vickie
July 23	Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat
July 30	Gail	Jim & Barb
August 6	Barb T.	Don, Roberta & Susie
August 13	Mark	Chris & Heather
August 20	Nick	Mark, Thea & Vickie
August 27	Teresa F.	Floyd & Pat