

Faith United Methodist Church

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Centering

“For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God, who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.”

Psalm 62:5-8

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you give us peace as you calm the seas, grace when you cover us and encouragement when you call to us. Open our hearts and minds to receive your leading in our lives, so that we may share your gifts with those we meet; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise!

Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!

***And may God give us faith to sing always
alleluia!***

Prayer of Illumination

God of the prophets, who continually calls to us. **Fill us with your words of justice and joy so that your love may be revealed for the glory of God. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-18

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see
visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:37-47

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Children’s Time

Special Music

The Comforter Has Come arr. Wes Ramsay

Witness

God in the Storm Propels Out

Music

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Bless this earth, our island home

For the earth is yours and you made it.

Bless this nation with justice and peace

For the law is yours and you gave it.

Bless the holy catholic church

For the cornerstone is yours and you laid it.

Bless the generations that have gone before

For the communion of saints is yours and you host it.

Bless the sick and all those who hurt

For healing is yours and you grant it.

Bless the shamed and those who have failed

For the cross is yours and you bore it.

Bless the brokenhearted

For life is yours and you mend it.

Bless the lonely and forgotten

For love is yours and you abound with it.

Bless the dreamers and those who hope

For the promise is yours and you keep it.

Bless the faithful who sing to you

For all honor is yours and we boldly offer it.

Bless the joys and concerns of our hearts

**For you gather our prayers as we pray together, saying,
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
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 & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

I Am the Church

***At Pentecost, some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the good news through the world to all who would hear it.***

***I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the church together!***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing that we are being sent out in the strength of the Spirit to give ourselves for others. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Prayer List

Laura Arceneaux
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Vee Battaglio
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Brenda Bermaster
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
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Roland Blanchard
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Jean Brooks
Kent Broussard
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Jared Castolenia
Matthew Cerda
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Family of Gloria Coleman
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield
John & Emily Davis
Family of David Day
Bobbie Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Julie Duplichan
Keven Dupre
Marli Dupuy

Joe Floyd
Sheila Frederick
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmatt
Robert Hargraves
Connie Hebert
MaryJo Hebert
Family of Susie Hesselteine
Edna & Raymond Jones
Selwyn Jones
Alice Kethley
Kristi Key
Bud Landry
Clyde Landry
Dora Mae LeDaux
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Toby, Summer, Emmi & baby Lough
Jillaine Lucas
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Randy & Shannon Mayfield
John McGee
Carlene Minaldi
Gary & Vicky Minaldi
Linda Meyers
Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim & Ruby Parker
Family of Julie Peltier
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
Kenny Puckett
Faye Porter
Charles Quinn
Regina Rahman-Wang
Eva Ramirez
Beverly Reese

Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Rachel Richard
Edward Rivet
Family of Darlene Rivett
Randy Rivett
Floyd Roche
Ezekiel Romero
Joann Savelle
H.G. Schonenberg
Shawna Shaw
Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
The Smith Family
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We are called to: **be transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives; **be engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far; **celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other; **share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.



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