



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, February 16, 2020 6th Sunday After the Epiphany
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME Cheryl Simmons-Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let all who seek the Lord come into God's house and worship!

We are all in Christ whether we are from the East or the West.

We are one in Christ whether we are children or senior adults.

We are one because Christ died that we might all know God's Love.

Then let us join together as one in lifting our voices in praise.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #560 "Help Us Accept Each Other" *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, You have called us to mature as adults in Christ. Nurture our growth, Lord, that one day You might move us from the milk of spiritual infants to the solid food of adults. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6 *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE: FWS #2175 "Together We Serve" *[Black Hymnal]*

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *[Red Hymnal]*

HOMILY: Wanda Mitchell, Lay Leader

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *Lord, we bring these gifts as our expression of thanks and praise to you. Use them and us, we pray, to proclaim your love and mercy, feed the hungry, heal the sick, and bring new courage and hope to the despondent. Amen.*

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *[Red Hymnal]*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

Thought for your journey: How will you get involved in spreading the gospel?

Scripture Lessons for February 23, 2020: Transfiguration Sunday

- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 99
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Matthew 17:1-9

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Announcements:

➤ **Covenant Building for Faith Community and Eastern UMC, led by a BWC Facilitator: New Dates!**

February 29, 2020 - Initial Assessment and Onsite Training

10-11:30 Initial Meeting with Faith Community UMC

11:45 – 12:45 Shared Meal with Eastern and Faith Community one-on-ones with each church and shared meal and communion

1:00-2:30 Initial Meeting with Eastern UMC

Subsequent dates will be scheduled at the 2/29 meeting.

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