



Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road

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Sunday, February 17th, 2019 6th Sunday After 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:

We have come to rejoice in the transforming power of the Risen Christ.

We give thanks for Christ's promise to change the lives of the poor and hungry.

Our lives may be full of sorrow and sadness, but Christ has promised to turn our tears into laughter.

We rejoice when we are reviled and excluded because we are disciples of the Risen Lord.

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #70 "O How I Love Jesus"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

Lord, we gather as a part of your Church, your Body here on earth.

Keep us ever faithful to our calling and imbue us with your Holy Spirit that we may truly represent you in all that we do and say. We pray in Jesus' name. 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:17-28

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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*HYMN OF PRAISE: FWS #2155 "Blest Are They" [vs. 1, 3, 4]

[Black Hymnal]

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: FWS #2036 "Give Thanks" [Black Hymnal]

HOMILY: Lord, Search My Heart

Pastor Ron Dodson

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: *Heavenly Father, we bring these gifts as symbols of our commitment to you and your Church. Guide those who make decisions regarding the use of these funds, and so direct them and us that your name may be glorified. 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: May the words you speak reflect your faith, firmly hooked onto the rock of God's will. Then no storm of life can harm you. Speak to the Rock!

Scripture Lessons for February 24, 2019:

- Genesis 45:3-15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-50
- Luke 6:27-38

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Announcements:

- Mid-week Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 12n.
- Human Relations Sunday offerings will be accepted through February. This special offering will go to build scholarships for minority students.
- Faith Ensemble rehearsal, today; 12n in the chapel
- Church Retreat, March 2, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Bethesda UMC 6300 Harford Rd, Baltimore 21214. See John Grace for details.

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