



Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21214

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Sunday, February 24th, 2019

7th Sunday After Epiphany

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Seek the Lord, while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near.

We search for the Lord, because we find it hard to understand all his teachings.

Come with open hearts and minds, and he will make his will known to you.

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.”

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #572 “Pass It On” *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

Lord, we hear you saying we should love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. We find this very difficult to do, and so we come this morning seeking your guidance. Teach us what this means, and may your Holy Spirit so fill our lives that we may be able to live according to your teachings. 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: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

*GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

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

People: Thanks be to God!

We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: FWS #2146 "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

[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: UMH #408 "The Gift of Love *[Red Hymnal]*

HOMILY: Love, Unconditionally

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 gather in the peace and quiet of this sanctuary, but we are very much aware of the storms and turmoil in the world outside. We offer these gifts and ourselves that together we might be instruments of spreading your love and peace throughout the world. 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: We are not our own. If your heart truly belongs to God, ask God to reassure it—yes, even to empower it. Then God can transform all our hearts into temples; then, can we hear God's voice.

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Scripture Lessons for March 3, 2019:

- Genesis 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Luke 9:28-43

Announcements:

- Church Retreat, March 2, 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Bethesda UMC 6300 Harford Rd, Baltimore 21214. See John Grace for details.
- UMC East Cluster Ash Wednesday Service, March 6 at 6:30 p.m., here in the sanctuary

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