



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, May 19, 2019 5th Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Cheryl Simmons-Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP:

How long will you keep us in suspense, Jesus? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

Yes, Lord, tell us all plainly

Jesus answered, "The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me. My sheep hear my voice."

Tell us what you did then, Lord. And tell us what you are doing now.

All: Let us hear your voice, Lord. We will believe, and then we will be saved by you.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1, 3, 4 [*Red Hymnal*]

PRAYER FOR COMMITMENT: Ever living God, we confess that we use the image of the exalted Christ seated at your right hand as an excuse to rest on HIS laurels and to be righteously inactive. We admit we often pray and wait for his second coming, only as a way of shirking our Christian responsibility to be active in his name. Forgive us our passivity, O God. Then, fill us with your Spirit; surround us with the presence of your Holy Spirit, which alone can inspire us to do the work of your coming Reign. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

[Silent prayers for 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 THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

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*GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:31-35

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH#706 "Soon and Very Soon" *[Red Hymnal]*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this 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 #2224 "Make Us One" *[Black Hymnal]*

SERMON:

Rev. J. L. McLellan

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

*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.*

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Thought for your journey: *Every flower of springtime speaks of the Resurrection!*

Scripture Lessons for May 26, 2019:

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5
- John 14:23-29

Calendar:

- Council/Trustee Meeting today at 12n in the Great Room

We wish to express our thanks to Pastor Jackie for her willingness to lead us in worship in Pastor Ron's absence. It is always a joy and a blessing to see her.

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