



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 12, 2018

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME John Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us gather together all whose courage is in the Lord!

**For the days are long and at times our faith seems so weak.**

Let our hearts focus on Christ and let us be bold where we walk.

**For in Christ all things are possible for those who have faith.**

Then let us lift our voices in song and praise for God's Grace!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #381 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**Lord, so often we have let our doubts and fears cloud the faith in our hearts. So often we have let the problems around us cause us to lose faith in Your power. Forgive us, Lord, and help us not only to hear Your word of hope and love, but like Peter, help us to step out in faith that others might know Your love and power are real. 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: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:35, 41-51

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 #2236 "Gather Us In" [Black 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 #2108 "O How He Loves You and Me" [Black Hymnal]

HOMILY: 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:

\*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:**

*Wisdom is having lots to say and not saying it. [James 3:1-12]*

### **Scripture Lessons for August 19, 2018:**

- 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
- Psalm 111
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

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# Church Picnic

**Today! Double Rock Park, Texas Ave. Parkville**

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