



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 18, 2019 10th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Cheryl Simmons-Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Life is a race that is set before us.

We have received the baton from our father and mother in the faith.

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus on whom our faith depends from start to finish.

That will help us not to grow weary and give up the race.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #511 "Am I a Soldier of the Cross" *[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

Lord, we praise you for those who have set us an example by their faith and trust in you. We find ourselves stumbling and falling in the race of life, and pray that as we gather here today we may be renewed and strengthened by your Holy Spirit so we may learn to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith. In whose name 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]

HYMN OF PRAISE: FWS #2281 "May You Run and not Be Weary" *[Black Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2224 "Make Us One" *[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: *With these gifts, Lord, we rededicate ourselves to you and pledge to keep our eyes only on you as we run the race of life. 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.*

Thought for your journey: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

Scripture Lessons for August 25, 2019:

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

Announcements:

- BACK 2 SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY, Friday August 23, 6:30-9:30pm in the parking lot and on Gibbons Ave.
- **HELP WANTED:** Volunteers are needed to set-up, host and clean-up for the BACK 2 SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY. Use this link to sign-up online <https://forms.gle/rFPtBpNqNi57X12x8>, or see Tisha.
- Sunday, August 25 – Council/Trustee Meeting at 11:30 in the Great Room.

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