



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, Aug 20, 2017
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Cheryl Simmons-Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship together this day, all who would seek God's love.

For we have all sinned and each of us has strayed from the Lord.

Our God, the Lord of History, knew of our sin and sent to us a Savior.

Was Jesus sent to save the Jews or to bring Good News to the Gentiles?

All have sinned, Jew and Gentile; Christ came to redeem all sinners..

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #374 "Standing On The Promises"

[Red Hymnal]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, so often when we have allowed ourselves to believe that just coming to church and being religious would open the gates of heaven. And too often, Lord, we have failed to heed Your teachings about living by faith and loving and caring for our neighbor. Forgive us, O God, and open our hearts to truly living for You in today's world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

[Red Hymnal]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 13:1-23

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

People: Thanks be to God!

MUSIC OF PRAISE: FWS #2088 "LORD, I Lift Your Name On High"

[Black Hymnal]

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH# 328 "Surely The Presence Of The Lord Is In This Place".

[Red Hymnal]

SERMON

Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF RESPONSE: UMH #361 "Rock of Ages" [vs. 1,3] *[Red Hymnal]*

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 27, 2017:

- Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16

Announcements:

- Sunday August 27 - Trustees Meeting; 12n in the Great Room
- Friday August 25, 6:30p-9:30p - Community Volley Ball; youth and adults play Baltimore police and firefighters.
- Friday September 1, 6p-8p - FFitC Cook-out and School Supply drive. Donate new school supplies to be distributed to neighborhood elementary and middle schools.
- Saturday September 16 - Church Work Day; lots of projects, all are welcome.

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