



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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

10:00 AM

# ***SUNDAY SERVICE DIAL-IN INSTRUCTIONS***

## **DIAL-IN USING:**

**CELL PHONE or LANDLINE**

**Step 1: Dial 1.301.715.8592**

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## **COMPUTER USERS:**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

PRELUDE: "They'll Know We Are Christians" Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME: John Grace

OPENING HYMN: UMH #494 "Kum Bah Yah"

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba ya!
2. Someone's praying, Lord, come by here...
3. Someone needs you, Lord, come by here...
4. Someone's praising, Lord, come by here...
5. Somebody's singing, Lord, come by here...

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us come together all who know God's mercy and grace!

**For we were lost, and the Lord did not give up until we were found.**

Each of us in our own way has gone astray before the ways of the Lord.

**Our spirits were soiled and had no joy, yet the Lord washed us clean.**

God's mercy and grace are real! Let our hearts lift praise to God.

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

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

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, You have seen every point in our lives where we have fallen short, yet You have forgiven us, asking only in return for us to forgive others. Help us to truly love others, Lord. 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so, the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So, the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Make Us One, Lord"

Make us one, Lord, make us one: Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

HOMILY: Pastor Ron Dodson

HYMN OF RESPONSE: UMH #389 "Freely, Freely"

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."  
*Refrain:* He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."
2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live." *Refrain*

### **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 DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE: "My Life Is in You"

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you Lord; in you, it's in you. *Repeat.*

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.

**Thought for your journey:** “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8 God can comfort you in any situation.

**Scripture Lessons for September 20., 2020:**

- Exodus 16:2-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Philippians 1:21-30
- Matthew 20:1-16