



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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

10:00 AM

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

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME: John Grace

OPENING HYMN: FWS #2236 Gather Us In" Keith Harmon

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now in the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young – our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old – who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of the buildings confining, not in some heaven light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in – all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let all who would seek the peace of Christ come before the Lord.

**Only as we walk and talk with the Lord will we receive God's peace.**

For as we do that which is evil or live as we should not,

**The Lord will not be with us nor God's peace in our hearts.**

Then let us worship the Lord by truly living the Christian life.

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

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**O God, You have offered us the great blessing of Your peace that passes all understanding if we will but accept Your offer of mercy and grace in Christ. Give us peace, 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 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and

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said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "God Is So Good" Keith Harmon

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me
2. He saved my soul, He saved my soul He saved my soul, God's so good to me
3. I'll praise His name, I'll praise his name, I'll praise His name, He's so good to me

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 DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Listen to Your Children" Keith Harmon

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Thought for your journey:** Jesus said, "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life?" [Luke 12:25] *Despite my worries, I can trust God's provision.*

### **Scripture Lessons for October 18, 2020:**

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 89
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Matthew 22:15-22

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