



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, Nov 19, 2017      24<sup>th</sup> 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

Come all who have sinned before the Lord God Almighty.

**We have each one sinned and fallen short before the glory of God.**

Yet God has not turned away nor has the Lord destroyed us.

**But God has, like a loving parent, applied discipline to our lives.**

Then let us celebrate, for God's discipline truly shows God's love.

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

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH #247 "O Moring Star, How Fair and Bright"

*[Red Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

**Lord, so often we have become comfortable with spiritual truths, we begin to take them for granted and we may eventually find ourselves even violating them to suit our own desires. Forgive us, Lord, and help us always remain alert to Your presence and to Your guidance lest we should do great harm to others and to our witness for You. 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: Judges 4:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SOLO:

Mary Aikens-Afful

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light"

*[Red Hymnal]*

SERMON

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### **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:** People who are not mentally well are focused and fixated on themselves. It is the same with churches who are not spiritually well. Missionary disciples travel in different circles. [*“Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations.....” Matthew 28:19*]

**Scripture Lessons for November 26, 2017:**

- Ezekiel 34
- Psalm 100
- Ephesians 1
- Matthew 25:31-46

**Announcements:**

- Faith Ensemble rehearsal today, 12n in the chapel
- Sunday 11/26, UM Student Day, special offering
- Trustee Meeting next Sunday 11/26, 12n
- December 3, the season of Advent begins
- Wednesday, December 6, 7 p.m.; Charge Conference

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