



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, July 21, 2024

9th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Judy Slide

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come all who would serve the Lord and let us gather now for worship!

But we are unworthy sinners who are unfit to enter God's house.

Then let us confess the sins in our hearts before Christ and enter.

Would we then be welcome before the holy throne of God?

All have sinned before God, yet no one forgiven in Christ is rejected.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: FWS #2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

Lord, so often when we read in the Scriptures of the sins of leaders such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we think smugly we could never make mistakes like those. Forgive us, Lord, for in our own ways we each have strayed away from being all You created us to be. Lord, help us accept that You Love us because You are Love, not because we are lovable. 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22

*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

People: Thanks be to God!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2244 "People Need the Lord"

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:

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2175; vs 1,2 and 4; "Together We Serve"

Thought for your journey: *Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his work within us. Ephesians 3:20*

God will provide for you in unexpected ways.

Scripture Lessons for July 28, 2024:

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- Psalm 14
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6: 1-21

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