

Faith United Methodist Church

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Centering

“For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God, who alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.”

Psalm 62:5-8

“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in it them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.” Exodus 20:11

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in whom we live and love and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

***Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.***

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal Word, present in the beginning and with us now, opens our eyes & ears to your teachings **so that your love may be revealed in our lives for your glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Selah

- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
⁶ The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ 'Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.'
¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Children's Time

Special Music

Witness *Still & Knowing*

Music *Freely, Freely*

Joys & Concerns

Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. For the just and proper use of your creation; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; for those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those who face health issues, diagnosis, surgery & care, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those who have died grant eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon them and all who grieve, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For all that brings us joy and for all those who journey, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For your mercy is great we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you as we lift our prayers to you together, saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering & Prayer for the Gifts of the Community

O God, our hope, transform our gifts and the acts of giving into ministries of love and compassion to all the persons this church serves in your name. **Amen.**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!***

***What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!***

***Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, stilling our hearts and minds to know that God is our refuge, strength & help so that we share God's love with those we meet this week. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Prayer List

Laura Arceneaux	Kyle & Beth Craigen	Randy & Shannon Mayfield
Margaret Arceneaux	Dakota Crutchfield	John McGee
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.	John & Emily Davis	Carlene Minaldi
Sidney Arceneaux	<i>Family of David Day</i>	Gary & Vicky Minaldi
Kim Craigen Ard	Bobbye Dean	Linda Meyers
Lucian Adams	Mary Delafosse	Ron & Michelle Mueller
Dolores Anderson	Tammy Dufour	Joyce Murphy
Vee Battaglio	Julie Duplichan	Arnold Northcut
Kathy Bahena	Keven Dupre	Kelly Simmons Owens
Brenda Bermaster	Marli Dupuy	Jim & Ruby Parker
Lloyd Betar	Joe Floyd	<i>Family of Julie Peltier</i>
Mary Bevil	Sheila Frederick	Melva Phillips
<i>Family of Nick Bihm</i>	Lorene Green	Harlan Phipps
Roland Blanchard	Rachel Grimmett	Mercedes Pierson
Bonnie Blankenship	Robert Hargraves	Kenny Puckett
Donna Suppa Bolton	Connie Hebert	Faye Porter
Jo Bordeaux	MaryJo Hebert	Charles Quinn
Pat Borel	<i>Family of Susie Hesselteine</i>	Regina Rahman-Wang
Glenda Brooks	Edna & Raymond Jones	Eva Ramirez
Jean Brooks	Selwyn Jones	Beverly Reese
Kent Broussard	Alice Kethley	Buddy Renkema
Ann Campbell	Kristi Key	Nikki Castilaw Rice
Norma Campbell	Bud Landry	Rachel Richard
Robert & Roxie Castilaw	Clyde Landry	Edward Rivet
Jared Castolenia	Dora Mae LeDaux	<i>Family of Darlene Rivett</i>
Matthew Cerda	Fred Ledesma	Randy Rivett
Tana Champeau	Alice & Louis Loftin	Floyd Roche
Rebecca Chance	Toby, Summer, Emmi & baby Lough	Ezekiel Romero
Billie Cherry	Jillaine Lucas	Joann Savelle
<i>Family of Gloria Coleman</i>	Orianna Marchand	H.G. Schonenberg
Kim Wilber Conn	Matt Markos	Shawna Shaw
Derick Cooper	Barbara Martin	Loretta Shearer

Brooke Simon
The Smith Family
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We are called to: **be transformed** by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives; **be engaged** with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far; **celebrate**, worship & praise God as we care for each other; **share** the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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