

Faith United Methodist Church

May 9, 2021



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

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you give us peace as you calm the seas, grace when you cover us and encouragement when you call to us. Open our hearts and minds to receive your leading in our lives, so that we may share your gifts with those we meet; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

I am Thine

***Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.***

Prayer of Illumination

God of the prophets, who continually calls to us. **Fill us with your words of justice and joy so that your love may be revealed for the glory of God. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' ²⁶And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Children's Time

Special Music

Witness

God in the Storm Around Us

Music

In the Garden

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Bless this earth, our island home

For the earth is yours and you made it.

Bless this nation with justice and peace

For the law is yours and you gave it.

Bless the holy catholic church

For the cornerstone is yours and you laid it.

Bless the generations that have gone before

For the communion of saints is yours and you host it.

Bless the sick and all those who hurt

For healing is yours and you grant it.

Bless the shamed and those who have failed

For the cross is yours and you bore it.

Bless the brokenhearted

For life is yours and you mend it.

Bless the lonely and forgotten

For love is yours and you abound with it.

Bless the dreamers and those who hope

For the promise is yours and you keep it.

Bless the faithful who sing to you

For all honor is yours and we boldly offer it.

Bless the joys and concerns of our hearts

For you gather our prayers as we pray 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.**

Here I am Lord

***Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing that Jesus is with us in the storm and when we calm our minds we can go with others into the storm. May we live into this holy calling with those we encounter this week. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Up-Coming Events

Fellowship Time, Sunday, May 16 we will begin having fellowship time 9:50—10:50 outside. All are invited. Masks optional.

Sunday, May 23 Worship Changes

9 am service mask optional, limited music

11 am service, masked, choral & congregational singing

3Gs—Our senior “*ChickenFoot*” Domino group will meet May 27!

Church Anniversary Picnic, Sunday, June 6 we will celebrate our 41st Church Birthday. BYOP (Bring your own picnic as we eat out under the big tree and celebrate together.

Prayer List

Laura Arceneaux
Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Vee Battaglio
Kathy Bahena
Brenda Bermaster
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Roland Blanchard
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Jean Brooks
Kent Broussard
Maxine Broussard
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Jared Castolenia
Matthew Cerda
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield
John & Emily Davis
Family of David Day
Bobbye Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Julie Duplichan
Keven Dupre

Marli Dupuy
Joe Floyd
Sheila Frederick
Lorene Green
Rachel Grimmett
Robert Hargraves
Connie Hebert
MaryJo Hebert
Susie Hesselteine
Edna & Raymond Jones
Selwyn Jones
Alice Kethley
Kristi Key
Bud Landry
Clyde Landry
Dora Mae LeDaux
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Jillaine Lucas
Orianna Marchand
Matt Markos
Barbara Martin
Randy & Shannon Mayfield
John McGee
Carlene Minaldi
Gary & Vicky Minaldi
Linda Meyers
The family of Travis Moore
Ron & Michelle Mueller
Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim & Ruby Parker
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Faye Porter
Charles Quinn

Regina Rahman-Wang
Family of Mike Ramirez
Beverly Reese
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Rachel Richard
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Floyd Roche
Ezekiel Romero
Joann Savelle
H.G. Schonenberg
Shawna Shaw
Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
The Smith Family
James Sowell
Julie Spell
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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.

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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