

Faith United Methodist Church

May 2, 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.**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

***Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.***

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

Jonah 1:1-17

¹Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. ⁴But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.” ⁷The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹“I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

11 Then they said to him, 'What shall we do to you, that the sea may quieten down for us?' For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, 'Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quieten down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you.' ¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the Lord, 'Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.' ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

17 But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights.

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Children's Time
Special Music

Witness *God in the Storm We Made*

Music *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*

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.**

Standing on the Promises

***Standing on the promises that cannot fail.
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God, I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.***

***Refrain: Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.***

Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing the radical love of God that is meant to transform us, is not ours alone but for us to share. 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

Choir Practice, begins this coming Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30. This is an open invitation to anyone to join. We will space & mask for our 45 minute rehearsal.

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

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
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Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
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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 Grimmatt
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
Charles Quinn
Regina Rahman-Wang
Family of Mike Ramirez
Beverly Reese
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Rachel Richard
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Randy & Darlene Rivett
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Shawna Shaw
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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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