# **Faith United Methodist Church**

**January 17, 2021** 

Sharing God's Love



# Centering

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God... since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. 1 John 4:7, 9, 11-12

#### Welcome

#### **Opening Prayer**

God, who loves us so, open our hearts and minds to know and share your love in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, your beloved son we pray, **Amen**.

#### Music

#### Prayer of Illumination

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. **Amen**.

#### Music

# Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends.

The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks Be to God. Amen.

# Children's Time

#### Special Music

# Witness

#### Love Is

# Joys & Concerns

# Prayers of the People

Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church: make us all one, that the world may believe.

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world: establish justice and peace among all people.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble: deliver them from their distress.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory: bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others ... Silence

O God who makes all things in love, we join to offer thanks to you for the blessings of life in your world, for the gifts of love and friendship, for the joy of family and kinship. Our lives at times reflect your loving presence, and at other times seem loveless and lonely and lost. Yet in all things, you do love us – lavishly and without reservation – and you plant within us the seed for loving others. Nurture that seed within us, we pray. Help us to take the risk of opening our often walled-in hearts to be vulnerable to the other in our lives, and to take the risk of love. May your perfect love, indeed, cast out all fear, and enable us to give ourselves anew to those we encounter on this journey with Christ. **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.** 

Music

# Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing the love of God is patient and kind and share that love in all that you say and do. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen**.

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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.

Attributes

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