# **Faith United Methodist Church**

March 14, 2021

I Am



## Centering

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you. The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Exodus 3:14-15

#### Welcome

### **Opening Prayer**

Holy God, be present with us as we come to know you more deeply in our lives. Help us to see your work in the world in ancient days and this day. Draw our hearts and minds closer to you so that we will be committed to doing your work in your world. Through Jesus Christ, who showed us the way, we pray, **Amen**.

#### Music

### Prayer of Illumination

O Lord open our hearts and lives to your word so that we may be transformed into faithful disciples. **Amen**.

### Scripture Reading

John 15:1 – 5

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

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

Special Music

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood (please reflect on these words silently)

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

And shall be till I die,
and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme,
and shall be till I die.

Witness I Am: The Vine

Music

**Joys & Concerns** 

## Prayer of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, as your children, draw us all closer to you in our daily life and work.

Lord God, you are the bread and the wine as your body in the world help us work for justice, freedom, and peace in all that we do.

Lord God, you are the light of the world, shine through us as we love and care for the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Lord God, you are the Good Shepherd, guide & protect all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; comfort the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Lord God, you are the Door, so help your Church, all who proclaim the Gospel, our Bishop Scott, our Superintendent Romonica, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who serve you to welcome your people.

Lord God, you are the Resurrection and the Life, so grant eternal life to those who have died and hope for all who grieve.

In silence we name our own needs and the needs of others...

For your mercy is great so we gather all these prayers that have been spoken and those written on our hearts to you through Christ our Lord, **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.** 

# The Great Thanksgiving

Music

## Benediction

Go forth from this time and place, knowing I Am has called you to walk the way with Christ the truth who gives us life eternal. May our experience be shared with those we meet. May the blessing of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen**.

**Prayer List** 

Margaret Arceneaux Paul Arceneaux, Jr. Sidney Arceneaux Kim Craigen Ard Lucian Adams **Dolores Anderson** Family of Johnny Battaglio

Brenda Bermaster

Llovd Betar Mary Bevil

Roland Blanchard

Bonnie Blankenship

Donna Suppa Bolton

Io Bordeaux Pat Borel

Glenda Brooks

Jean Brooks

Kent Broussard

Ann Campbell

Norma Campbell

Robert & Roxie Castilaw

**Iared Castolenia** 

Matthew Cerda

Tana Champeau

Rebecca Chance

Billie Cherry

Kim Wilber Conn

**Derick Cooper** 

Kyle & Beth Craigen

Dakota Crutchfield

**Jimmy & Emily Davis** 

**Bobbye Dean** Mary Delafosse

**Tammy Dufour** 

Iulie 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

Ray & Tammy Lake

**Bud Landry** 

Clvde Landry

Fred Ledesma

Alice & Louis Loftin

Orianna Marchand

Matt Markos

Barbara Martin

Gary & Vicky Minaldi Linda Mevers

Ron & Michelle Mueller

**Joyce Murphy** 

Eric Neal

Leslie Brown Newton

**Arnold Northcut** 

**Kelly Simmons Owens** 

Jim Padgett

John & Candance Perkins

Melva Phillips

Harlan Phipps Mercedes Pierson

**Iustin Plake** 

John Pool

Kenny Puckett Charles Quinn

**Beverly Reese** 

**Buddy Renkema** 

Nikki Castilaw Rice

**Edward Rivet** 

Randy & Darlene Rivett

Floyd Roche

Ezekiel Romero

Ioann Savelle

Shawna Shaw

Loretta Shearer

**Brooke Simon** 

Harriet Simpson

Family of Smitty Smith

**Iames Sowell** 

Kim Streed

**Bob Taylor** 

Sadina Hammock Ward Mary Alice Weitzel

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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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