

**FAITH UNITED CHURCH
OF
CHRIST**



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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20, 2021

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Almighty God, we come to you today with open hearts, open minds, and open spirits. We bring our worship, our praise, and adoration together today to you. Teach us your ways, your thoughts, and your love. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

*** OPENING HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING 17**

1 To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia! Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia! Your fire, bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light, sings your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way, sings your praises, alleluia! As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5 Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part, sing your praises, alleluia! To you we lift our pain and care, receive the burdens that we bear, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6 In you, a kind and gentle death prepares to hush our final breath, singing praises, alleluia! Christ goes before us to renew the way that leads us home to you. Hear our praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: God of love,

People: welcome us in.

Pastor: God of peace,

People: calm our hearts.

Pastor: God of strength,

People: lift us up.

Pastor: God of truth,

People: focus our minds.

Pastor: God, you are here,

People: we are thankful.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

* CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Pastor: Gracious God, we come before you today to confess the distractions of our minds that keep us from worshipping you today.

Pause for silent confession.

Pastor: Forgive us, O God; in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Holy God, your ways can be difficult to understand and embrace, we confess to you today the times we have doubted your ways.

Pause for silent confession.

Pastor: Forgive us, O God; in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Peaceful God, sometimes our hearts and minds turn to violence when you call for peace. We confess now the times we have turned to violence first.

Pause for silent confession.

Pastor: Forgive us, O God; in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: We each pray silently in our hearts, confessing the burdens that weigh us down today.

Pause for silent confession.

Pastor: Forgive us, O God, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers. Amen.

*** THE KYRIE**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.

*** THE GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.*

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE - *Based on St. Patrick, facing each other:***

**Unison: Christ's peace be with you,
Christ's peace within you,
Christ's peace behind you,
Christ's peace before you,
Christ's peace beside you,
Christ's peace to win you,
Christ's peace to comfort you and restore you.
Christ's peace be with you.**

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Samuel 17:1 – 11, 20 – 23, 32 – 49 *Jerry Trexler*

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*2 When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

*3 Christ's oath and covenant and blood support me in the rising flood;
when all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]*

*4 When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in love be found,
dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]*

SERMON: *My Money is On the Shepherd Boy*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of
our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in
vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, besides, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in
three,**

We believe in God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: God of new life, you are most holy and wonderful, and gracious in all your ways. You keep us close to you. We are so thankful, God. Forgive us when we forget that you are near, when we run ahead and forget that you are close by. Forgive us when we become oppressors instead of joining you in liberation. Forgive us when we turn towards violence and away from peace. Draw closer still to each of us, embolden us each for peace and kindness. We seek to be known as people of love and justice, and advocates for those who are oppressed. Thank you, God, for this day and every day, for who you are and how you love us.

(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

Unison: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

SPECIAL MUSIC: *UNASHAMED LOVE* – Ten Shekel Shirt

Darin Jellison

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God, we bring forward our best; use it to help our church, community, and world. We join our gifts for your glory.
Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN: WHAT A COVENANT**

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*1 What a *covenant, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

* **BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

* **MEDITATION**

* **POSTLUDE**

*Would those who are able please stand.

Welcome to Faith Church this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead.

Happy Father's Day to all the new dads, experienced dads, granddads, dads-in-law, stepdads, like-a-dads, serious dads, goofball dads... There must be a million fatherly types out there, and without a doubt, there are at least that many reasons to honor you on Father's Day.

Special thanks to Darin Jellison for sharing his musical offerings with us this morning.

Parish Administrator Sandy David will be on vacation through June 27th.

If you possess a magical musical talent you are invited and encouraged to be part of special music in the coming weeks!

We're ramping up efforts to return to a new normal - and many of you will be an important part of this effort. Music at Faith has always been a primary component of our community worship experience. Your weekly singing since April 11 reopening has been an inspiration to all of us. I hope more will attend these safe surroundings. Thank you for that beautiful experience! Before we can be in full gear later in the year, I invite and encourage you to be part of special music in the coming weeks. You are NEEDED. No money requests from you just share your talent of music in community worship experience. It really has a significant impact on everyone - sanctuary and cyberspace. Want to sing, choose a favorite hymn tune - solo, duet, etc.; play guitar, trumpet, piano or harp, just choose a Sunday to offer your gift. It is a critical moment for ALL of us as we journey through this challenging time. Check your life calendar, choose a Sunday and call me... Dennis Duda at 215.361.8641 or email me at ddduda@verizon.net. We can make

this a wonderful moment for everyone at Faith Church. Thank you so much.

CALENDAR

TODAY -Happy Father's Day
-10:15 Worship

MONDAY -Sandy on vacation

TUESDAY -Sandy on vacation

WEDNESDAY -Sandy on vacation

THURSDAY -Sandy on vacation

FRIDAY -Pastor's Day Off
-Church Office Closed

SUNDAY -10:15 Worship

Those Who Will Serve:

	June 20	June 27
Head Usher:	Jerry Trexler	Jerry Trexler
Ushers:	Cindy Talaber, Joan Hassler	Brenda Hovis, Deb Herstine
Lay Reader:	Jerry Trexler	Joan Hassler
Fin. Sec.	Tom Hovis	Bruce Torrence
Lawn	Steve Sosnowsky	Need a Volunteer

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