

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
JULY 18, 2021**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

As we gather for worship today, we look around and pay attention to where we are. We smile. Smiling at those who worship with us, or as we think of friends who are gathering in other places. We recall that you, our God, are with us when we worship in ones and twos, in groups and crowds, in our homes, inside church buildings and outside in your creation. We pause in our weekly doings to gather together and with you. Be with us, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

*** OPENING HYMN: REJOICE, GIVE THANKS & SING 303**

*1 Rejoice, give thanks and sing; Your Sovereign God adore!
For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*2 Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;
The Lamb who purged our stains, is crowned with power above.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*3 Christ Jesus cannot fail, to rule both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ the judge shall come,
And take the faithful up to their eternal home: We soon shall hear a
heavenly voice above the trumpet's sound, "Rejoice!"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Come, let us join in, all together with each other.

People: Let us build a community of worship.

Pastor: God, be with us as we worship together.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

*** CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

Loving God, we recognize the times and ways we put distance between ourselves and you, between ourselves and others. We recognize the times and ways we build walls that separate us from each other and you.

*** THE KYRIE**

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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**

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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: II Samuel 7:1 – 14a

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11 – 22

Gospel: Mark 6:30 – 34, 53 – 56

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

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1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

SERMON: *Tearing Down the Walls of Division*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Hear our prayers. May we break down those things that separate us and others from your compassion and care.

Hear our prayers. May we build up good relationships that support healing and wholeness and a unity that has space for everyone, with all our similarities and differences.

Hear our prayers. May we accept the compassion and care of others as we grow together.

Hear our prayers,

(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

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780**

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:**

Accept our gifts today, we pray. By offering our time, concerns, and resources, we seek to participate in your work of care and compassion. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: *BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD* 342

*1 Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart;
O Savior, stay with us and spread your table in our heart.*

*2 Here share with us in love divine, your body and your blood;
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.*

THE INVITATION

Pastor: He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, He was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where He helped the case of the poor, He was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, He was always the guest. But here, at this table, He is the host. Those who wish to serve Him must first be served by Him, those who want to follow Him must first be fed by Him, and those who would wash His feet must first let Him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be His guests at His table.

THE STORY

Pastor: What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To His followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience He shared with His disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which He was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and

broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, “This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.” Later, after they had eaten, He took a cup and said, “This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.”

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this cup, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit. All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our kin, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For His life which informs our living, for His compassion which changes our hearts, for His clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for His disturbing presence, His innocent suffering, His fearless dying, His rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship you. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims

and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Holy, holy, holy, God of the heavenly host;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed the one who comes in the name of our God,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

Unison: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Pastor: Together let us say what we believe:

**Unison: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Pastor: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: The body of Christ, broken for us all. The cup of the covenant poured out for you. The Gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Pastor: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ broken for you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. So Lord may we live to your glory. Amen.

COMMISSIONING

Pastor: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. May your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN: CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION** **400**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of our God and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of hosts, today: with your constant loving-kindness hear your people as they pray; Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the Way.

3 Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain, Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.

* **BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

* **MEDITATION**

* **POSTLUDE**

*Would those who are able please stand.

Welcome to Faith Church this Eighth 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.

If you are willing to share your musical talents with us in the upcoming weeks please contact Dennis Duda at 215.361.8641 or email ddduda@verizon.net.

As our world seems to be opening up again, might it be time to dust off (or find) those needles, hooks and yarn again?? The idea of sitting outside on a summer evening and catching up with each other sounds like a perfect thing to do! So - - - we will be starting up our ***“Faith in Stitches”*** group on **Tuesday, July 20th!!!** Just bring your lawn chair and whatever project you might be working on and meet at **Faith from 6:30 - 8:00!!!** We can also borrow chairs from inside if need be. We are on rain or shine! (I still have my key!) **We would love to welcome any new, interested friends, neighbors or members to join along!!** Also glad to teach or tackle any mess...!!! See you soon ~*Jane*

Faith UCC Yard Sale

Start cleaning out your clothes and toy closets, attics, and basements! We will hold our Yard Sale on Saturday, September 25th and will start collecting your donations on Sunday August 1st!

Recycling starts again! Beginning August 15th we will be collecting plastic shopping bags and all other soft plastic bags (#4). By February 15, 2022 we need to collect 500 pounds of recyclable plastic in order to earn another **TREX bench! Let's save our oceans and the animals that live there by turning these materials into a reusable product! Questions?? See Jerry Trexler.**

Mark your Calendars...

FALL BINGO IS RETURNING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2021!

CALENDAR

TODAY	-10:15 Worship -Summer Communion
MONDAY	-9-4 Sandy works from home and will check messages throughout the day. If you find yourself in immediate need of something feel free to call her at home @ 610-967-6232
TUESDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
WEDNESDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
THURSDAY	-9-4 Sandy in office
FRIDAY	-Office Closed -Pastor's Day Off
SUNDAY	-10:15 Worship w/Communion

Sandy will be on vacation the week of July 26th.

Pastor Bruce will be on vacation beginning July 26th through August 15th.

Those Who Will Serve:

July 18

July 25

Head Usher:	Tom Berghold	Tom Berghold
Ushers:	Ron Demkee Joan Hassler	Jerry Trexler Elaine Trexler
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