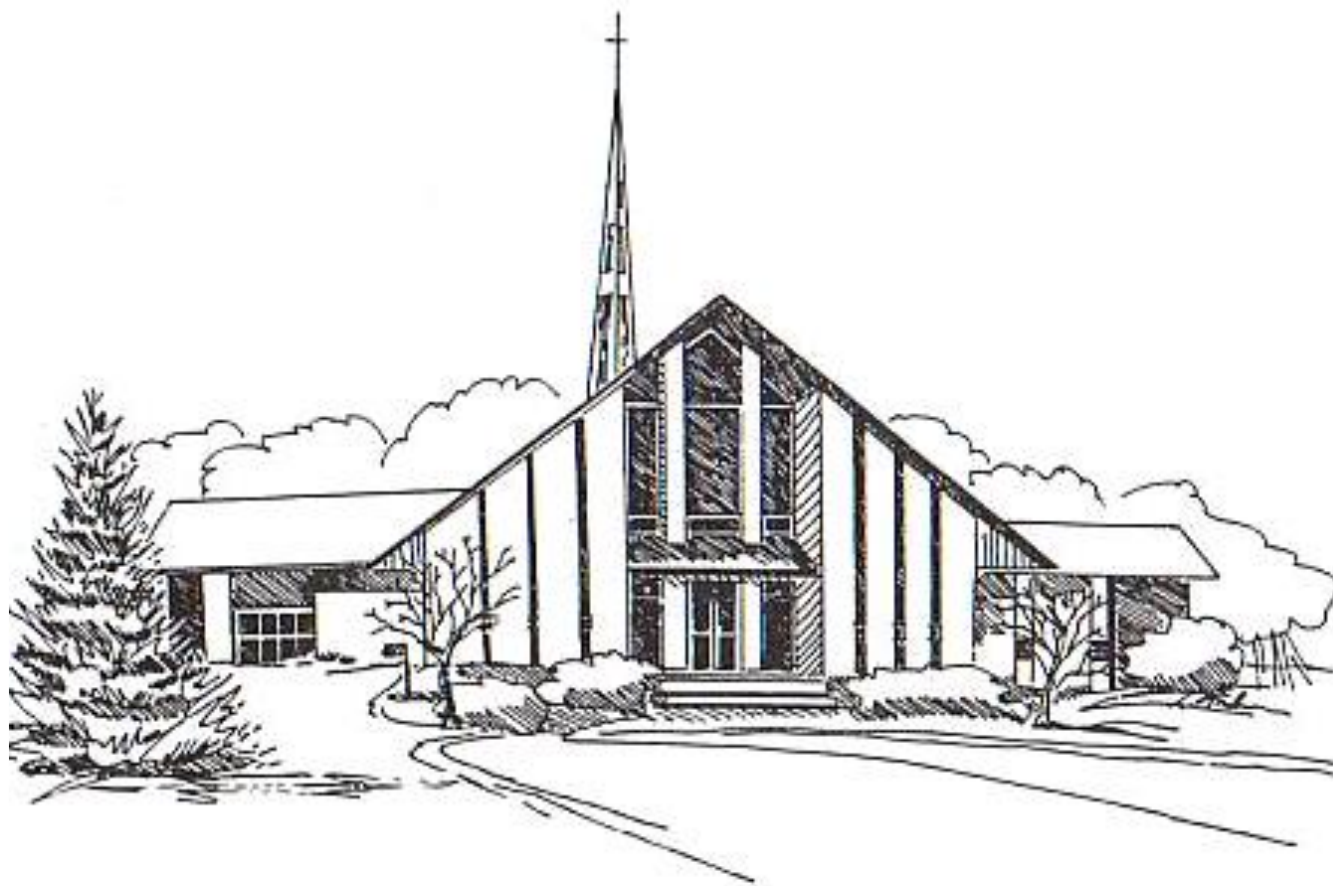


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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 2, 2024**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *PERFECT COLOR*

Darin Jellison

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

We are called to “observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as our God commanded us.” Be with us Holy One, so that we may be refreshed and renewed. May the Holy Spirit descend upon us as we gather in worship and praise, for all you do in Jesus’ name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*** OPENING HYMN: *DEAR GOD, EMBRACING HUMANKIND***

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: Holy One, you have searched and known us.

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts.

Pastor: You search out our paths and our lying downs and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Holy One, you know it completely.

Pastor: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

People: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

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

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** 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 out lips.

People: And our mouths will show forth our 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.

*** WE SHARE PEACE – *LET THERE BE PEACE OF EARTH***

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me

Let There Be Peace on Earth The peace that was meant to be

With God our Creator, we are Family

Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live Each moment in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Old Testament: I Samuel 3:1 – 10

Gospel: Mark 2:23 – 3:6

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN: *JESUS CALLS US, O'ER THE TUMULT*

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SERMON: *What's The Purpose of A Sabbath?*

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

We sing of God the Spirit,

**who from the beginning has swept over the face of
creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in
the human heart.**

We sing of God the Spirit,

**faithful and untameable, who is creatively and
redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what
is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.**

We sing of the Spirit,

**who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our
concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.**

We offer worship

**as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of
opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,

**in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our
relationships, and our world.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Pastor: Our gracious, eternal God, we bow on a beautiful morning with adoration, wonder, and awe. We experience great wonder whenever we ponder life. We are amazed that somehow in the vastness of human history, somehow in the vastness of the universe, somehow in the vastness of the human genetic pool with its myriad possibilities, somehow you have seen fit to call each one of us in our uniqueness into being. You call us by name, you love us with an everlasting love, and you place us within this faithful community. We are reminded powerfully of the Psalmist's confession that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. And we bow again in wonder over your creative love.

We need your help on our Christian journey. We do not wish to be people who call on you on Sunday and forget you on Monday. We need congruence in our Christian walk. While our Christian walk will never approximate our talk help us daily to make it more so. Help us to be doers of your will. Help us to build our lives on a solid rock and a firm foundation.

Teach us to respond to your love so that we may in turn love you with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Teach us to walk lovingly with our brothers and sisters. Teach us always to remember that you love others even as you love us. Teach us to learn behaviors which demonstrate love and honor for all. Teach us sensitivity to others needs and hurts.

Where our vision of ministry is too small stretch our souls. Make us effective instruments for outreach, for ministries of compassion, and for hospitality and embrace for those who are our guests. May we welcome all in the name of our welcoming Jesus.

*(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

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

*** 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 THANKSGIVING:**

**O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these
gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS 506**

*** BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

*** MEDITATION**

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day
with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace,
that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise
and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*** POSTLUDE**

**Would those who are able please stand.*

Welcome to Faith Church this Second 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. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Sue, Jill, & Travis in loving memory of Jimmy and Henry Roberts.

Special thanks to Darin Jellison for sharing special music with us.

The Youth will meet at Earl Bowl Lanes for a Bowling Party at 12:30 pm today.

This evening our Justice Committee will host a Presentation by Master Gardner, Consuelo Almodovar on Native Plants in My Garden. Please register in the Narthex. Children are invited too – make sure to register them so we have enough supplies.

There is a Summer Volunteer Schedule hanging in the Narthex. We need one usher for June 23rd and the month of June will be complete! Please fill in where you can help in July, August, or September. Thank you.

Share your special musical talents with the congregation over the summer. Whether you are a vocalist or play any instrument, speak with Dennis Duda to get a Sunday slot just for you! Thank you!

We will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 16th. We will be electing members of Consistory. We will also be honoring Fathers and Graduates during worship. Be sure to join us!

Pastor Bruce has a new email address effective immediately –
pastorbruce.faithucc@outlook.com

CALENDAR

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm; Friday Closed

- Today** - **10:15 am Worship**
 - **12:30 pm Youth Bowling Party**
 - **6:00 pm Native Plants in My Garden**
- Monday** - **Sandy will work IN the office**
- Tuesday** - **2:00 pm Faith in Stitches**
 - **7:00 pm Worship Committee Mtg**
- Thursday** - **Personal Day for Sandy**
- Friday** - **Office Closed; Pastor's Day Off**
- Sunday** - **10:15 am Worship**

Thanks to our volunteers:

	June 2nd	June 9th
Head Usher:	Melissa Shafer	Melissa Shafer
Ushers:	Cindy Talaber Iris Shelly	Doris Horwath Deb Herstine
Lay Reader:	Cindy Talaber	Rose Mirth
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