

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

A MEDITATION UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth" by Muhammad Ali

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

SENTENCES OF ADORATION

*** OPENING HYMN: O SAVIOR LET ME WALK WITH YOU 503**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: As the cold winds begin to blow, we gather in the warmth of God's love.

People: We come to give thanks for the shelter of God's mercy and the covering of His grace.

Leader: Some in our community face the chill of winter without a coat to wear.

People: We hear God's call to clothe the needy, to share what we have with our neighbors.

Leader: Just as Christ wrapped Himself in humanity to bring us salvation—

People: So we wrap others in love, offering coats, hats, and hearts of compassion.

Leader: When we give warmth to others, we reflect the heart of Christ Himself.

People: For whatever we do for others, we do for Him.

Leader: Come, people of God, let us worship with thankful hearts and generous spirits.

People: We worship the One who clothes us in righteousness and calls us to share His warmth with the world.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

* CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we confess our sins before God, who calls us not to hide but to be made new.

People: We have fallen short of Your calling, O Lord. We have turned away from the needs of our neighbors and ignored the cries of the world.

Leader: Yet God's mercy is greater than our failures. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored.

People: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are made whole and set free.

Leader: As forgiven people, we are called not to sit still, but to rise and serve.

People: We will go where Christ leads us—to feed the hungry, provide for those in need of warmth, and bring hope to the weary.

Leader: Your sins are forgiven. Your hearts are renewed. The Spirit of Christ goes before you.

People: We are forgiven! We are sent! We will live as bearers of God's mercy and light in the world. Amen.

* THE KYRIE

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Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, hear the good news: though we have fallen short, God's mercy never fails. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are made new.

People: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven,

restored, and renewed.

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Live now as people of grace—freed, loved, we are sent to love others.

People: Amen. Glory be to God!

Leader: 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.

*** 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 as our Father, we are family,
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

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

With every 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.*

MISSION MOMENT: Rose Mirth

LEARNING ABOUT GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:7 – 11

New Testament: James 2:14-22

MESSAGE: *Clothed in Compassion* GUEST: Adam Mutz

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

Leader: We believe in God, the Creator, who clothes the lilies of the field and wraps the Earth in beauty and warmth.

People: We believe God calls us to clothe one another with

compassion, kindness, and love.

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who walked among the poor, sharing bread with the hungry and covering the outcast with mercy.

People: **We believe that when we give a coat to one who is cold, we are wrapping Christ himself in love.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves through the hands of givers and receivers alike, weaving a tapestry of care and community.

People: **We believe the Spirit warms hearts as surely as coats warm bodies.**

Leader: We believe that faith without love is empty, but faith expressed in generosity reveals the very heart of God.

People: **Therefore, we go forth to serve, to give, to clothe, and to care—in the name of the One who covered us with grace and everlasting life. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Gracious God, we come this morning with hearts full of gratitude. You have called us to clothe the needy, comfort those who are cold, and share Your love through our actions.

People: **We thank You, Lord, for the warmth of Your love and the chance to share it with others.**

Leader: We pray that every child will feel your warmth this winter.

People: **May these coats be more than fabric and thread; may they be coverings of kindness and hope.**

Leader: You have taught us that whatever we do for the most needy, we do for You. Bless the youth who will receive these gifts and remind them they are cherished.

People: **Wrap them, O Lord, in Your peace and protection.**

Leader: As we give warmth to others, may our hearts also be

warmed by Your Spirit. Let our generosity become a living testimony of Your grace.

People: Clothe us, Lord, with compassion, humility, and love.

Leader: We come before You with hearts open to the needs of others—those whose burdens weigh heavy, whose paths seem uncertain, whose spirits feel weak.

(The names of those people, places and circumstances that are in need of special prayer can be lifted up at this time)

Leader: In this season of giving, may we continue to see Christ in every neighbor and may our hands always be ready to serve.

People: We thank You, Lord, for clothing us in Your mercy and sending us to share it with the world.

Leader: We pray the prayer Jesus' taught us:

Unison: Our Father, which 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, The power, and the glory, forever. Amen

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING

OFFERTORY

CHOIR ANTHEM: *CANTICLE OF PRAISE*

* 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:

Leader: Receive these offerings, O Lord, as a sign of our devotion and trust. Use them to bring hope to the weary, comfort

to the broken, and light to those who walk in darkness.

People: Bless the hands that give, the hearts that share, and the lives that will be touched through this act of worship.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* **THE SENDING FORTH**

* **CLOSING HYMN: *LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN* 454**

* **BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

* **CLOSING INSPIRATION:**

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

* **POSTLUDE**

*Would those who are able please stand.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *CANTICLE OF PRAISE* -arr. by E. B. Jurey/text by J. Neander

Praise to the Lord! Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration! Praise to the Lord, who doth bless and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriends thee. Praise to the Lord! Praise, praise to the Lord!

Welcome to Faith Church this Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost.

We are glad to have you worshipping 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 in loving memory of Henry Roberts by his family.

Thanks to the Talboos for leading us in worship this morning and to Rose Mirth for sharing her Angel Project with us.

We welcome guest speaker Adam Mutz, the Director of The Caring Place, and thank him for sharing about the organization's goals and needs.

Tuesday is Veterans Day. The office will be closed on Monday to observe the holiday. Thank you to all the Veterans!

Join us next Sunday for our Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the 2026 Budget and to re-elect a treasurer and two members of the Memorial and Enduring Gifts Committee. Afterwards we'll have the Holiday Hope Chest Packing Party. Lunch will be provided and then we will work at packing shoe boxes.

CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday (Remotely), Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday – 9 – 4 pm

- Today** - 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Faith Singers in the Loft
- 10:15 am Worship
- 11:30 am Faith Singers in the Loft
- Monday** - Office Closed in observance of Veteran's Day
- Tuesday** - 2 pm Faith in Stitches
- 7 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- Thursday** – 3:15 pm Mission Team Meeting
- Friday** - Office Closed; Pastor's Day Off
- Sunday** - 9:00 am Sunday School
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Thanks to our volunteers!

	November 9	November 16
Head Usher:	Cindy Talaber	Cindy Talaber
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