

**WELCOME TO:**  
**FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education  
10:45 AM Worship  
*Fellowship Hour Following Worship*

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Pastor  
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*No matter who **YOU** are or where **YOU** are on life's journey,  
**YOU** are welcome here.*

*“Never place a period where God has placed a comma” --  
Gracie Allen*



**We are brothers and sisters in Christ so welcome one another with sincerity, kindness, and love.**

**Christ Jesus didn't reject anyone neither do we. God Is Still  
Speaking!**

**Sunday, August 2, 2026**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**\*Those who are able are invited to stand.**

**BOLD print – congregation participates.**

**Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise indicated.**

*Generous God, You give us what we need and satisfy our desires in due season. Grant that our inner beings may be strengthened through Your Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that You may accomplish within us far more than all we ask or can imagine.  
Amen.*

*Organ Chimes*

**Joys, Concerns, and Announcements**

**Greeting:**

**L:** No matter who **YOU** are or where **YOU** are on life's journey,

**P:** **YOU** are welcome here!

Prelude

**Lighting the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship: “Gathered Here in the Mystery of this Hour” #742**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 13 – 21

**Response: “Praise be to you, O Christ.”**

**\*Hymn of Adoration: “Come Now, Almighty God” #275**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

L: God of Life

**P: You are as near to us as our breath.**

L: Touch our eyes

**P: that we may see You in one another.**

L: Open our ears

**P: that we may hear Your voice in the cries of the oppressed.**

L: Enter our hearts,

**P: that we may be filled with Your love toward all people.**

L: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness,

**P: be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people Your way.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of light,**

**We confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy  
and self-righteousness.**

**We honor You with our lips, but we have not  
served You in our hearts.**

**We are satisfied with human traditions and norms  
and avoid Your liberating truth.**

**We have confused meekness with weakness,  
holiness with social conformity,  
and anger with righteousness.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**By the power of Your Word,  
save us from the prison of our conceit  
so that we may serve You with sincere hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Kyrie**

(The Leader says)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(The People sing)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*Words of Forgiveness and Assurance**

L: When we turn in confession to God, we find that God has been by our side, never abandoning us, always yearning for us. God accepts our confession and forgives all our sins. We can find our lives filled with hope and faith. As we experience compassion, we can reach in compassion to the world around us.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1 – 5

Psalter: Psalm 145: 8 – 9, 14 – 21, page 718

**\*Hymn of Preparation: “Before Your Cross O Jesus” #191**

SERMON

**Morning Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer**

Offertory

**Doxology**

**Praise God that we are called to care.  
Praise God that we have gifts to share.  
Praise God Who guides us on our way  
To live our lives in Christ today. Amen.  
(Please Be Seated)**

**\*Invitation to Holy Communion**

***The Great Thanksgiving***

*L: God be with you*

***P: And also with you.***

*L: Lift up your hearts.*

***P: We lift them up to our still-speaking God.***

*L: Let us give thanks to God.*

***P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***



**\*Eucharistic Prayer (Pastor)**

Indeed, it is good and right to raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving to You, Holy God of all creation, for all that You have done for us. In Your love for us, You have moved through us since the days before anyone knew Your name, calling mystics and rebels, women and men, girls and boys to journey with You across great lands and many centuries. Prophets and teachers pointed to the evidence of Your movement so that even when it seemed as though all had forgotten Your presence, the wisdom continued. We give thanks for all the ways You have been present in the past as we give you all praise and glory, singing with the mighty chorus of heaven as we join in the unending hymn,

**\*Seraphic Hymn (sung page 795)**

**“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!”**

*(Please be seated)*

Words of Institution (Pastor)

Prayer of Consecration

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: Let us return our thanks to God.

**P: We thank You, Lord for holy food;  
For Christ’s own body, His own blood,  
The bread of life, the branches’ vines,  
To nourish us and all humankind.**

L: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**P: That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to  
myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the  
cost of His own blood has faithfully paid for my sins. By His  
Holy Spirit, He assures me of eternal life and makes me  
wholeheartedly willing and ready from now to life for Him.**

\*The Blessing

\*Hymn of Response: “Jesus, I Live to You” #457

\*Benediction

\*Masithi Page 760

Postlude



**Participating in Today’s Service**

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Music Director   | Claire White                |
| Lay Reader       | Gracie Raihl                |
| Church Secretary | Christina and Shane Schmitt |
| Minister         | Rev. John Emig              |

**Attendance: 7 – 26 – 26      Sunday School: 9      Worship: 25**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR July 19, 2026**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Current       | \$270.00        |
| Sunday School | \$ 13.00        |
| Plate         | \$ 23.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$306.00</b> |



**Virginia Paul      8/8**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM    Sunday School  
10:45 AM    Worship

**We practice “extravagant” welcome** here at Faith UCC, just as Jesus would invite and encourage us to do. So **WELCOME** to each and every one!

**Next Sunday, Bonnie Skelley and Pastor John will participate in a “Pulpit Exchange”.** Please welcome Bonnie back to our worship next Sunday morning.

**Faith Fellowship will be on Wednesday at 10:30 AM.** Please wear old clothes as we will be cleaning the shed.

**“Stuff the Bus” is gearing up for the new school year.** Our deadline is August 13<sup>th</sup>. The following is the list of items that are needed.

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Big Pencils & Pencils | Kid’s Scissors          |
| Pens                  | Markers                 |
| Construction Paper    | Notebooks               |
| Crayons               | Pencil Boxes            |
| Erasers               | Rulers                  |
| Folders               | Scissors                |
| Glue Sticks           | Back Packs              |
| Notebook Paper        | <u>Clear Back Packs</u> |



**Remember!** Our annual all-church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Highland Park, Pavilion #2, beginning with a worship service at 11:15 AM (Please note the change of time). The meal will begin around Noon. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Room as to what you intend to bring. Thank you. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

**The Flower Calendar** for 2026 is available on the board above the water fountain.

**Don’t forget to like us and follow us on Facebook.**

([www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona](http://www.facebook.com/faithuccaltoona)) and subscribe to our YouTube channel (@faithuccaltoona).

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!** In an effort to keep our prayer list as up-to-date as possible, we request that you **personally notify the office** any time a name needs to be added or deleted from the list. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Friends and Neighbors needing our Prayers:**

Janet Weyer  
Cindy Edmiston  
Phil Keith  
Kevin Leiden's Family (grieving)  
Alesandro Bond Family (grieving)  
Dave Zimmerman  
Donald Imler  
Jeff Cain  
Richard Port  
Gracie Raihl  
Rick Plowman  
Heather Guthrie  
Nick Lonsinger  
Baby Ridge  
Dallas Webb  
Peggy Mapes  
Zach Lonsinger Family  
Donna Skelley  
Linda Hollen  
Carol Marlett  
Our sick and shut-ins



We offer up our prayers for any of our **church family** not listed here who may be in need.

Please pray for our men and women in the military.

