

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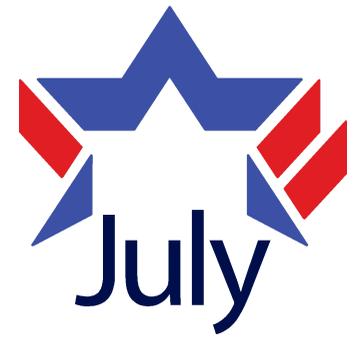
*No matter who YOU are or where YOU are on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here.*

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



**We gather as children of our heavenly Creator.  
We warmly welcome everyone. Let us reach out  
our hands in fellowship and kindness to one  
another.**

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



**Sunday, July 6, 2025**  
**Fourth 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.**

*O God, You have shown Your steadfast love and great mercies to us and  
to all generations. Now fill our hearts with gratitude and praise that we  
may share Your love with all peoples, especially those in need and  
affliction so that, at the end of our ministry, we may be found faithful  
stewards of Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*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: Luke 10: 1 – 11

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

**\*Hymn of Adoration: “Let Us with a Joyful Mind” #16**

**\*Call to Confession**

L: Lead us, O God;

**P: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;**

**Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;**

**Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.**

**Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.**

**\*Confession (In Unison)**

**Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to Your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ You have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve You. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sins bind us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to You and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as You intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Sisters and brothers, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore, be at peace and love with boldness and generosity.

**P: AMEN and thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14

Psalter: Psalm 30, page 639

**\*Hymn of Preparation: “Crashing Waters at Creation” #326**

SERMON

**Morning Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**\*Invitation to Holy Communion**

**\*The Dialogue**

L: God be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to God.**

L: Let us give thanks to God most high.

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

**\*The Eucharistic Prayer (Pastor)**



\*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 (Pastor)

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)**

**O Lord our God, we come from this table knowing a love  
beyond our deserving. Thank You for giving us a place at Your table;  
for serving us the bread of life; for offering us the cup of salvation. In  
humility and hope, we go now from this place to Your promised day.  
In Christ we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response: “Your Ways Are Not Our Own” #170

\*Benediction

\*Masithi Page 760

Postlude



**Participating in Today’s Service**

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ’s family

Music Director	Claire White
Acolyte	Nick Lonsinger
Greeter	Richard Plowman
Lay Reader	Jerry Paul
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

**Attendance: 6 – 29 – 25      Sunday School: 8      Worship: 23**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR June 29, 2025**

Current	\$ 645.00
Houston Trust	\$ 9,427.00
Flowers	\$ 40.00
Plate	\$ 48.00
Sunday School	\$ 16.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,176.00</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday, July 13th	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!

**Our Church Picnic** this year will be on August 17th at Highland Park. Please mark your calendars. Please make every effort to be with us on that day for worship and our community picnic.

**Here are the totals received, so far, from the Yard Sale and Craft Fair.** Last Saturday here at the church, total receipts from food sale, yard sale items, and vendor fees was \$1,991.50. This money will be used to support missions locally and around the world. Thank you all for however you participated in this endeavor. God bless you.

**Consistory will meet next Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM.**

#### **Dates Ahead**

**July 6** – Money due for Curve game on July 22

**July 20** – Order due for Marianna’s hoagie sale

**August 17** – Church Picnic at Highland Park

**August 19** – Faith Fellowship Meeting, 10:30 AM

**Credit card/debit card slips** are available.

**Sign-up sheet** in fellowship room for Altoona Curve game.

**The Flower Calendar for 2025** is available on the board above the water fountain.

**Large-print Daily Bread devotionals are available in the narthex (hall).** Please help yourself.

**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:**

Sally Sprow Family, grieving

David Raihl

Rick Plowman

Richard Port

Vivian Fitzsimmons

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Janet Weyer

Baby Ridge

Dave Zimmerman

Lettie Allen

Dallas Webb

Peggy Mapes

Zach Lonsinger Family

Donna Skelley

Linda Hollen

Shawn Ellis

Scott Weyer

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.

