

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*



Please know that, whoever you are and from wherever you have come, you are welcome in God's house. May every heart be warmed by God's presence. Let us show love and kindness toward one another.

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

Sunday, July 5, 2026
Sixth 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.

Steadfast God, You sent Jesus as witness that no one is outside Your healing reach. Help us to trust in the abundance of Your love as we share Your compassion and generosity wherever we may go, with You, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit. 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: “Be Still and Know That I Am God” #743

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30

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

***Hymn of Adoration: “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer” #18**

***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)**

Holy God, You call us to boldly proclaim Your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of Your call. By the power of Your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living; in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Words of Forgiveness and Assurance**

L: Do you believe that God is willing, for Christ’s sake, to forgive all your sins?

P: I believe.

L: Do you forgive those who have sinned against you?

P: I do, with God’s help.

L: Do you resolve to offer yourself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that you may have the power to resist evil and do what is good?

P: I do.

L: In Christ’s name, and as one with you in the Church, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (tune: “Lasst Uns Erfreuen”)**

*From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung,
Let God the Spirit free each tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

First Lesson: Zechariah 9: 9 – 12

Psalter: Psalm 145: 8 – 14 page 718

***Hymn of Preparation: “Softly and Tenderly” #449**

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 Communion 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.**

Blessing

***Hymn of Response: “My Eyes Have Seen the Glory” #610**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director	Claire White
Lay Reader	Janice Lonsinger
Church Secretary	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 6 – 28 – 26 Sunday School: 8 Worship: 40

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR June 28, 2026

Current	\$685.00
Dorseyville Fire Relief	\$ 5.00
Sunday School	\$ 8.00
Plate	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$898.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 12th	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!

Today, after worship, we will have the dedication ceremony for our community garden. Please join us.

And please stay for ice cream and cake afterwards.

Tuesday evening is the “Curve Game” sponsored by Faith Fellowship. Tickets have been distributed.

Dates Ahead

July 19 – “Sandwich Sunday” after worship (meat tray provided)

July 20 – Consistory 6:00 PM

August 16 – Church Picnic at Highland Park (11:00 AM)

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) 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:

Phil Keith
Kevin Leiden's Family (grieving)
Lettie Allen 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.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the unique celebration of my birthday and -1 years as organist, music director. Quite a surprise. Your support of Music Ministry is greatly appreciated. The gift cards were very thoughtful.

Blessings
Claire White

