

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*



Our church gladly welcomes everyone who enters the sanctuary. May we all worship with hearts of love and hands of acceptance.

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

Sunday, July 20, 2025
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.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign. Amen.

Organ Chimes

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Greeting:

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P: YOU are welcome here!

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship: “Spirit of the Living God” #283

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10: 38 – 42

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

***Hymn of Adoration: “God Our Maker, Whose First Summons”
(Back Cover of Hymnal)**

***Call to Confession**

L: Let us confess those thing that break our relationship with God,
assured that God will never break relationship with us.

***Confession (In Unison)**

All powerful God, we have become comfortable with our advantages, which can make us complicit with the injustice and oppression that exists in our world. Time and again, You call us to love our neighbors. You champion the causes of the poor and oppressed, yet we fail to follow Your lead. Stir us to move toward You. Stir us to stretch out our hands and offer help and hope. Make us uncomfortable enough to change. Amen.

***Kyrie**

(The Leader says)	(The People sing)
Lord, have mercy upon us.	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.	Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Before, because of your evil thoughts and actions, you were strangers and enemies of God. Now, you can live in peace, restored by the bloodshed on the cross. Live thankfully! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

Guitar Solo: “Jahala” by Lou Harrison; offered by Rod Skelley

First Lesson: Colossians 1: 15 – 28

***Hymn of Preparation: “Shall We Gather at the River” #597**

SERMON

***Affirmation of Community**

**We will be together.
We will stand as brothers and sisters given life by one God.
We will be together. We will watch out for one another.
We will listen to what needs to be said in a spirit of compassion.
We will respect the power of silence. We will wait for the slowest.
We will dry the tears of those who are weeping and know that they will dry ours when the time comes.
We will let ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain of those we have considered our enemies.
We will entrust our stories to each other.
We will not be skeptical that peace can come.
We will not forget the joy of life. We will not forget to be grateful.
We will do our best to stir in each other hope, courage, and faith.
Amen.**

***Call to Prayer**

L: God is with us

P: God is with us, indeed.

L: Let us center our lives in God through prayer

P: and bring to God our praise, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

L: Let us pray.

(Please be seated)

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.

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

O God, we know that You are the Creator. You made everything; You own everything, but also we know that You give each of us a partnership for a while. We appreciate Your generosity, and we would like also to be generous for Jesus's sake. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: "O Christ, the Great Foundation" #387**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director

Claire White

Greeter

Christina Ingram

Lay Reader

Janice Lonsinger

Church Secretary

Christina and Shane Schmitt

Minister

Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 7 – 13 – 25

Sunday School: 6

Worship: 25

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR July 13, 2025

Current \$ 928.00

Community Garden Grant \$5,000.00

Plate \$ 47.00

Sunday School \$ 6.00

TOTAL \$5,981.00



Susan Henry

7/21

Calista Marlett

7/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 27th 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship

Today is Ice Cream Sunday. Please join us after worship for this special treat. Everyone is welcome!

Once again, our church will be participating in the “Stuff the Bus” Campaign. The following is the list of items that are needed:

Backpacks (regular & clear bags)	Pencils	Erasers
Notebooks (single, 3-subject, & 5 subject)	Folders	Crayons
Colored Pencils	Markers	Pens
3-Ring Binders (older grades)	Glue Sticks	Glue
Loose Leaf Paper	Kid-Friendly Scissors	
Pencil Cases & Pouches		

Donations for “Stuff the Bus” will need to be here at the church no later than July 27th. Thank you.

The Keller Reformed Church Annual Service and Homecoming will be held Sunday, August 3 at 2:30 PM. For those interested in attending, please note the announcement on the bulletin board.



Remember! Our annual all-church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 17th. Everyone is welcome.

The first meeting of the Faith Community Garden Committee will be held at the church on Monday, August 18 at 5 pm. All are welcome, and we encourage participation regardless of your expertise with gardening. Please reach out to Debby Glunt, Patty Shoup, or Bonnie Skelly if you are interested or just show up at the meeting! We are, also, excited to announce that we received a \$5,000 grant awarded through the UCC 2025 Domestic Make a Difference Genesis Fund to assist with start-up. A huge thank you to Bonnie Skelly for all the hard work she put into this grant submission.

Dates Ahead

July 20 – Order due today 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.

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) 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.

