

WELCOME TO:
FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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9:30 AM Adult Christian Education Rev. John L. Emig
10:45 AM Worship 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*



**Welcome, everyone! May God open our hearts so love can come forth
– love for God and love for one another! Rejoice! We're with the
Lord.**

Christ Jesus didn't reject anyone neither do we!
Speaking!
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Eleventh 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.

*Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are Yours, and
our spirits are enlivened by Your call. Happy are we, O God, when our
lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, Holy God.
We gather to draw on all You would give us to be more fully Yours. In
Jesus's name, Amen.*

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 (Responsively)

L: The world belongs to God,

P: the earth and all its people.

L: How good and how lovely it is

P: to live together in unity.

L: Love and faith come together;

P: justice and peace join hands.

L: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,

P: these stones would shout aloud.

L: God, open our lips,

P: and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 22 – 33

Response: "Praise be to you, O Christ."

***Hymn of Adoration: "Let Us with a Joyful Mind" #16**

***Call to Confession**

L: You, O God, know our hearts.

P: Guide our hearts, O God.

L: You, O God, see our ways.

P: Shape our ways, O God.

L: You, O God, call our spirits.

P: Call us now, O God, as we call on You.

***Confession (In Unison)**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future that can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

L: In faith through Christ, we are offered a new beginning every day.

P: No matter where we have been or what we have done or failed to do, God empowers us to leave the past behind and to faithfully enter into the future.

L: Let us claim that new beginning right now.

P: Let us share that new beginning with others.

L: Let us open our hearts to that new beginning in word and worship.

P: And let us believe that God's Spirit is right here to lead the way. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28

Psalter: Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 16 – 21, 45b, page 691

***Hymn of Preparation: "I'm Pressing on the Upward Way" #442**

Second Lesson: Romans 10: 5 – 15

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith (Colossians 1: 15 – 20)**

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross.

***Call to Prayer**

L: The Lord be with you

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

P: And renew a right spirit within me.

L: Cast us not away from Your presence

P: And take not Your Holy Spirit from us. (Please be seated)

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.

***Dedicatory Prayer (In Unison)**

Amid our doubts and the temptation to grab life's blessings for our own personal use, we come to dedicate our time, talent, and treasure to realize Your reign on earth, majestic God. As we enjoy Your bounty, we give that all our sisters and brothers might also come to appreciate the amazing gifts You entrust to us. Thank You for life and all its wonders. Amen.

***Hymn of Response:**

***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: 8 – 2 – 26 Sunday School: 5 Worship: 15

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR August 2, 2026

Current	\$480.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 7.00</u>
Total	\$487.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 16th	11:15 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Church Picnic

Today, we welcome Bonnie Skelley, Student Pastor, of St. John's UCC in Martinsburg, and our dear friend. Pastor John and Bonnie are participating in a pulpit exchange today.



Next Sunday is our Annual Picnic at Highland Park, Pavilion #2. Everyone is invited so please sign the list in the Fellowship Room. Worship will begin at 11:15 AM. The picnic will begin as soon as the preacher stops talking.

Faith Fellowship will be Tuesday @ 10:30AM. Please wear old clothes as we will be cleaning the shed. Thank you.

The deadline for "Stuff The Bus" is Thursday. Please participate in this worthy effort to provide supplies for school children.

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>

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:

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.

