

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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*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*



**As we gather for worship and fellowship,
may we be one, even as Jesus and the
Father are one. Welcome, one and all!**

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

Sunday, June 15, 2025
First Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)

***Those who are able are invited to stand.**
BOLD print – congregation participates.
**Hymns are in the New Century Hymnal unless otherwise
indicated.**

*Gracious God, You give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon
and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of Your love that our
lives may shed abroad the radiance of Your light and the world may be
full of the splendor of Your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Son of
Righteousness. 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: “Spirit of the Living God” #283

Gospel Lesson: John 16: 12 – 15

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



***Hymn of Adoration: “Holy, Holy, Holy” #277**

***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)**

O God, we confess our arrogance, our greed, our fear, and our hopelessness. We rely on our worldly wisdom. We consume what should be conserved and hoard what should be shared. We spend our time and energy on the trite and trivial. We give up and give in. Hear us, gracious God, and restore Your mercy, Your vision, and Your hope in us. 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: God does not define us by our past but by our future. God does not define us by our mistakes but by our potential. God does not define us by our problems but by our depth. God has given us a new name!

P: Forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria (tune Nicaea)**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, God the almighty!

Early in the morning we praise Your majesty.

You alone are holy; You alone are worthy,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.”

First Lesson: Proverbs 8: 1 – 4, 22 – 31

Psalter: Psalm 8, page 624

Anthem: “Father, We Praise Thee” – setting by Hal Hopson

***Hymn of Preparation: “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” #273**

SERMON

***UCC Statement of Faith in the Form of Doxology**

L: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

P: You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

L: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous Will declared through prophets and apostles.

P: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Yourself.

L: You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

P: You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the power of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

L: You promise to all who trust you

P: Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

L: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You.

P: Amen.

***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)**

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us – the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful labor, and the gift of the church. Through these offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

***Hymn of Response: "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" #57**

***Benediction**

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Postlude



Participating in Today's Service

YOU – the members and ministers in Christ's family

Music Director	Claire White
Acolyte	Nick Lonsinger
Lay Reader	Becky White
Greeter	Janet Weyer
Church Secretaries	Christina and Shane Schmitt
Minister	Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 6 – 8 – 25 Sunday School: 6 Worship: 24

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR June 8, 2025

Current	\$695.00
Plate	\$ 10.00
Sunday School	\$ 14.00
<u>Strengthen the Church</u>	<u>\$140.00</u>
TOTAL	\$859.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 22nd 9:30 AM Sunday School

10: 45 AM Worship

Choir rehearsal will follow the morning worship service.

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.

Many thanks to Ms. Christina Lonsinger for doing the reading today. Christina is a student in the Penn West Academy preparing to become a licensed minister with the U.C.C. Thank you, Christina!

Please join us after worship today for some dessert! This is Pie Sunday. All are welcome (especially the fathers).



Happy Fathers' Day!!!

Faith Fellowship will be held Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Please join us.



Church Yard Sale

Annual Yard Sale and Community Craft Festival will take place on June 28th! All hands are needed to help. Please be thinking about what items you can contribute.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

“Strengthen the Church” all-church offering was received last Sunday, but it can still be supported by those who have not yet participated. Envelopes are provided. This is one of our special U.C.C. 5 X 5 offerings. Please give generously. Thank you.

Dates Ahead

June 28 – “Yard Sale” (with vendors)

July 22 – Curve Game

August 17 – Church Picnic

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) 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

Craig Meyers

Heather Guthrie

Nick Lonsinger

Janet Weyer

Beverly Emig Family, grieving

Baby Ridge

Dave Zimmerman

Lettie Allen

Joe Stubby

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.

