

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*



**You are accepted! You are worthy! You are welcomed
with joy! Please enter fully into our worship
experience.**

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



**Sunday, April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter**

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

*Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the festival of our Lord's
resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in Your service. Graciously, help
us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Joys, Concerns, and Announcements

Greeting:

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P: YOU are welcome here!

Prelude

Lighting the Altar Candles

Call to Worship : “He Is Lord” (Congregation Sings)

**“He is Lord; He is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and He is
Lord! Every knee shall bow; every tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord!”**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24: 13 – 35

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

***Hymn of Adoration: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” #243**

***Call to Confession**

L: Followers of Jesus, by His cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

P: Alleluia!

L: By His rising we are free from the fear of death.

P: Alleluia!

L: By His love we are made new in the living and enduring word of God.

P: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

L: God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God’s love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

***Confession (In Unison)**

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to You, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus’ Resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. 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.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri**

First Lesson: Acts 2: 14a, 36 – 41

Psalter: Psalm 116: 1 – 9, 12 – 19 page 699

***Hymn of Preparation: “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day” #241**

SERMON

***Affirmation of Faith: “Break the Silence”**

(A conversation about Break the Silence Sunday.)

L: Today we Break the Silence about sexual abuse and violence, because breaking the silence can bring about healing and reparation.

P: Usually we don’t break something in order to heal it. How does breaking the silence lead to repair?

L: The silence must be broken, because the silence in this case is one of the tools that makes violence seem acceptable, or shameful to the victims rather than the perpetrators.

P: I see. It’s like the silence is another act of violence!

L: Yes, exactly.

P: So the healing comes from talking about it.

L: For some people it does, if they want to talk and when they are ready to do so.

P: Do you know that talking helped lead to healing in today’s scripture story?

L: What do you mean?

P: The disciples thought Jesus was dead and gone forever. It might have been tempting to just keep quiet about their feelings, and the events that had occurred. They might have thought that keeping it inside would make the feelings about that time go away. But they knew better. Starting with the women who told the story, they kept talking about it. And eventually, that led to all of them seeing the Living Christ.

L: That’s right! Breaking the silence has been a path for healing since the beginning!

P: Let us pray (Please be seated.)

Morning Prayer: The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

***Offering Response: “Halleluja” #236**

***Dedicatory Prayer**

Almighty God, by Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Response: “The Day of Resurrection” #245**

***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

Jerry Paul

Church Secretary

Christina and Shane Schmitt

Minister

Rev. John Emig

Attendance: 4 – 12 – 26

Sunday School: 4

Worship: 14

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(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:

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
Lettie Allen
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.

