

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please pass the attendance registration pads. We ask all members, as well as our guests, to fill out the information.)

PRELUDE

*CALL to WORSHIP

Praise be to you, O Lord, who spins shining stars across the heavens and stretches out the seas.

Who lifts the dawn into place and sets boundaries for night

Who awes the earth with storms and gentles it with green,

Who gives everything a season and breathes life and love into the dust of me.

Praise be to you!

Praise be in all things, for all things: the soft slant of sunlight, a song in the wilderness, the evening breeze,

The deep breath, the tended wound,

Mercy, quietness, a friend;

For the miracles of the daily,

The mysteries of the eternal.

Praise be to you!

Praise from all creatures, laughers and list-makers,

Wonderers and worriers,

Poets, plodders and prophets,

The wrinkled, the newborn,

The whale and the worm,

From all,

And from me,

Praise, praise be to you for amazing grace!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN “O Worship the King” UMH #73

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, complete the work you have begun in me. Release through me a flow of mercy and gentleness that will bring healing where there is hurt; peace where there is violence; justice where there is brokenness. Awaken in me love for every living thing. Renew my faith that you are God and that I am forever yours. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

SILENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

*HYMN UMH #526
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:1-23

MEDITATION “Sowing”

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY “Give Thanks” TFWS 2036
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks, because God’s given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now, let the weak say, “I am strong”; Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring these gifts in humility to You, Lord. Give us open hearts to also bring the gifts that truly bring joy to your heart... the gifts of compassion, mercy and the desire for nurture and justice for all your loved people around the world. Use us, Lord, send us in your name. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #569
“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

*THE BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

FAITH UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

OPEN HOUSE – Today 11-2 p.m.

Bruce and Tracy Wingert's 40th Wedding Anniversary open house will be at the Fountain Community Center. No gifts please.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE - July 16

This special offering equips the United Methodist Church to do justice in Jesus name. When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Your gift makes a difference, no matter how large or small.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The August parish newsletter deadline is July 21st at 4:00 p.m.

COMBINED OUTDOOR PARISH SERVICE

Fountain UMC will be hosting a parish outdoor service in the Fountain City Park on July 30 at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck meal following. Steve Arnold and Walter Bradley will provide music for the service. Seth Arnold is cooking pulled pork for sandwiches. Fountain Church will provide drinks and tableware. Those interested may bring bikes and bike the trail after lunch.

FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – July 9, 2017

Year to date budget	\$104,174.54
Year to date giving	\$ 91,275.88
Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$ 3,720.50
Offering	\$ 2,645.00
Attendance	60

AUCTION

The auction committee is collecting items and services through July 30th for the silent auction being held on Saturday, August 26th.

Some ideas would be gift baskets, hand crafted items, an item you no longer need, or services like baking, cleaning, painting or dog sitting. Share your talents.

Please contact Darlene Vrieze, Norma Merkel, Tom and Lynnette Ramaker, Kathy Casady or Jan Hammon.

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