

## GREETING 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

In the presence of a God whose word has called the stars into being;

**We stand in awe.**

In the presence of a Lord whose arms have held children, whose eyes sparkled with laughter;

**We stand in trust.**

In the presence of a God whose breath has stirred within us and caused our heart to thirst for love;

**We stand in need.**

**Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and truth and wholeness. Be with us, hear us, awaken us to your presence!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN UMH #327  
*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

### \*PRAYER of INVOCATION

**Eternal Spirit, let us be your people, reaching out, feeling, caring for each other as a community of love where Christ is felt and shared.**

**Kindle our concern for the lonely, the loser, the hopeless and the fearful. As the people of God, make us aware and involved.**

**Lead us in your Way, O God. Make us open and loving. Give us the honesty to confess our faults and the backbone to correct them.**

**Turn us around. Show us Your direction for the Church, which stands in the whirl of today, on the edge of tomorrow.**

**Through your love, call us into grater intimacy as your family. Unite us as the People of God, and make us ready to extend ourselves in your world.**

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SHARING of JOYS, CONCERNS and GOD MOMENTS

### 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 *“Christ Is Risen”* UMH #307

THE GOOD NEWS Mark 15:45-16:7

MESSAGE *“Don’t Give Up”*

## RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

\*DOXOLOGY *“Give Thanks”* TFWS #2035  
**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

**Receive these gifts we bring, O Lord. We wrap them in our praise to you. Enlarge our hearts to reach out with love and hope to the world. May we give ourselves to you in a way that your Holy Spirit can make of us, an outpost of your kingdom’s love. Amen.**

\*HYMN *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”* UMH #715

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Seeking individuals willing to donate the following food items for our light dinner prior to the ecumenical National Day of Prayer service on May 3rd. Please sign up for donating:

1). pan of bars, 2). potato salad for 10 people.  
Thank you.

## FLOWER PLANTING AND SALE



The Faith Church Sunday School will be planting flowers for our annual flower sale during the Sunday School hour today, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please plan to stay and help your children plant, as

children will be dismissed when planting is complete.

Flowers will be for sale for \$10 - \$15 April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We appreciate your support! Proceeds go toward the Sunday school program.

The Education Committee is looking to reuse planters for our annual plant sale. If you have containers in good condition and of any size that you are willing to donate, we will take them! Talk with Jenny Huebner, Carla Leslie, Cate Ness, Melissa Erdman, Chris Howard, or Julee Warren, or e-mail [FaithChurchSundaySchool@gmail.com](mailto:FaithChurchSundaySchool@gmail.com).

## FAITH FAMILY FINANCES – April 8, 2018

Needed weekly to meet our budget	\$3,716.69
Offering	\$2,858.26
Attendance	61

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY – APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

Please join us in celebrating the end of another successful Sunday School year! The CE Committee invites students, parents, & congregation members to enjoy brownies & ice cream during coffee hour. There will be no formal Sunday School classes. Just come and enjoy a treat!

## FOUNTAIN CONCERT

The Annual Cowboy Church Musicians Concert and Jam will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Fountain Community Center, sponsored by the Fountain United Methodist Church and featuring Country, Bluegrass and Gospel music. Freewill offering to be divided between church projects and the local food shelf. Refreshments will be sold by the Fountain UMC Women.

## FOOD FOR KIDZ

Food for Kidz: Thank you to all the Maple Leaf Parish volunteers who helped make the Food for Kidz food packaging event such a spectacular success. Almost 175,000 meals were packaged-The goal was 120,000. Volunteers totaled 520, the most ever for this event. Maple Leaf Parish had 33 volunteers; 6 from Fountain, 11 from Cherry Grove and 16 from Spring Valley. Thank you also for the monetary donations. It was a great day for everyone especially for the families who will receive this food.

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018



**The People Of  
Fountain, Cherry Grove and Spring Valley  
In ministry Together With  
Rev. David Lieder & Rev. Deanna Woodward**