

**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 *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* UMH #64

\*A UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We have a dream for the church- a vision of what the church can be. We have a vision of the church:**

**-as the body of Christ, where each part is honored and valued and contributing to the whole;**

**-where love is so authentic and integrity so evident that the world is brought to its knees;**

**-where peace is so evident, where persons live in such harmony that war and strife will be seen as totally unacceptable solutions to any conflict; -where all can come; a place where we can catch our breath and get a foothold on our journey toward God.**

**Yes, we have a vision of the church. Forever giving herself away; forever dying for the sake of others; forever being born to new life.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *“You Raise Me Up”* Bell Choir

JOYS & CONCERNS, SILENT PRAYERS

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 *“Change My Heart O God”* FWS #2152

SCRIPTURE I Samuel 17:31-37

MEDITATION *“A Faith That Fits”*

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *“Beneath the Cross”* Bell Choir

\*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

**Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight.**

CONFIRMING NEW MEMBERS

Lucas Wayne Howard

Hunter Lee

Gavin Merkel

Zoe Lynn Scrabeck

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**As people of faith, empowered by God’s Spirit, we will not lead un-lived lives; we will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.**

**We choose to risk being significant; to live so that what come to us as seed goes next to blossom and what comes to us a blossom, goes on as fruit.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

### RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care these persons whom we this day receive into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the Body of Christ, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of Christ's Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen**

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

Nicole Lee, Cody Merkel

\*HYMN UMH # 57 vs. 1,2,3  
*"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### GRADUATING SENIORS

Nicole Lee, daughter of Jennifer & Larry Lee  
Cody Merkel, son of Peggy & Jake Merkel

### BEING CONFIRMED TODAY

Isaac Atwood, son of Andrea & Steve Atwood  
(Cherry Grove)

Lucas Wayne Howard, son of Christina & Eric Howard

Hunter Lee, son of Jennifer & Larry Lee

Gavin Merkel, son of Peggy & Jake Merkel

Hannah Louise Peshel, daughter of Kelly & Robert Peshel (Cherry Grove)

Zoe Lynn Scrabeck, daughter of Deb & Kyle Scrabeck

### OUR SCHEDULE

5/6	6:00 p.m.	Cherry Grove Cowboy Church
5/7	6:00 p.m.	Faith Trustee Meeting
5/8	7:00 p.m.	Fountain Council Meeting
5/9	9:30 a.m.	Faith UMW at church
	7:00 p.m.	Cherry Grove Council Meeting
5/10	6:00 p.m.	Faith Staff Parish Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Finance Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Council Meeting
5/13	8:30 a.m.	Fountain Worship
	9:00 a.m.	Faith Worship followed by coffee
	10:00 a.m.	Cherry Grove Worship

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### FAITH FAMILY FINANCIALS – 4/29/18

Needed each week to meet budget	\$3,741.55
Offering	\$4,416.00
Attendance	117

# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 6, 2018 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

### GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"Awesome Adoration"* Bell Choir

### \*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,