

As we worship — indeed, as we live — we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. So we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2).
Welcome.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
August 17, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00 AM

AUGUST 17, 2025



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Diapason Movement"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, as one strong body, we ask God's Spirit to draw near.

All: We ask God to bless our space and our gathering. Spirit, draw near.

One: God is the guardian of love. We ask God to be here now in this community, helping us to hear voices old and new, and singing our many songs in harmony.

All: May God bless our space as God blesses our gathering.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: There was once a people who decided to build a tower. They all spoke the same language. They all looked the same. Each brick that they laid on the tower was done in the name of sameness. God looked at the sameness and declared something he hadn't declared in a long time about creation: it's not good. God created every fish, every bird, every creature. God created every human. The story of the tower represented something powerful: God desires diversity. In our time of confession today, we admit there are times when we want everyone to be the same. We imagine that would somehow be easier or better. We don't celebrate the different ways we all shine. Creation is filled with themes and variations. May our time of confession invite us to embrace this. Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, we don't always celebrate differences. We don't always remember that you didn't just create what we call "blue." You created cerulean and periwinkle, indigo and azure. You didn't just create squirrels. You gave us ground squirrels and gray squirrels, flying squirrels and the oriental giant squirrel. Creation is filled with diversity and yet we forget this sometimes as it applies to human beings. Help us to see the differences and celebrate what makes us each unique. Help us to celebrate what we all bring to the table and to recognize that we all bring different gifts. And this is good. This is your plan. Forgive us for trying to build towers to hold onto sameness. Scramble us up a bit so our individual lights can shine bright for your glory.**

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayers.** *(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

 The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #581

"Gloria Patri"

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—^[b]
² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.
³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

GENESIS 11:1-9

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ² As people moved eastward,^[a] they found a plain in Shinar^[b] and settled there.
³ They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”
⁵ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ The Lord said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”
⁸ So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why it was called Babel^[c]—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

MESSAGE

“Glorious Diversity”

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors.")

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"He Knows Just What I Need"*
Sandy Gingrich, Ann Greenwood

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #754 *"Help To Accept Each Other"* *(Sheet music on next pg.)*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Toccata Animato"*

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



Prelude	William Boyce, Public Domain
Hymn #401	Glory to God Hymnal, OneLicense.net
Hymn #300	Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI
Offertory	Mosie Lister, CCLI
Hymn #754	Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI
Postlude	Lani Smith, OneLicense.net

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

Faith Life

August 17, 2025

We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.



Emmaus Community Yard Sale

Saturday, September 6
8 am-2 pm

We are excited to participate in the community yard sale on September 6 from 8 AM to 2 PM.

With a variety of vendors, we will likely be offering an array of items, including puzzles, collectibles, baked goods, and various household goods. If you are interested in "renting" a space, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who assisted with the yard sale on May 31. Although the format has changed from previous years, the community yard sales provide us with the opportunity to welcome people into our space. Attendees enjoy a light lunch and have access to our restroom facilities.

If you have items you would like to donate to the church, please drop them off at the church on Friday, September 5, by 5 PM. The items must be priced. Any unsold items must be picked up on Saturday after 2 PM or on Sunday morning.

If you wish to lend a hand during the yard sale, please contact Sally Heimbach.



Volunteers Needed on Sundays!
Please see the 2nd page for details.



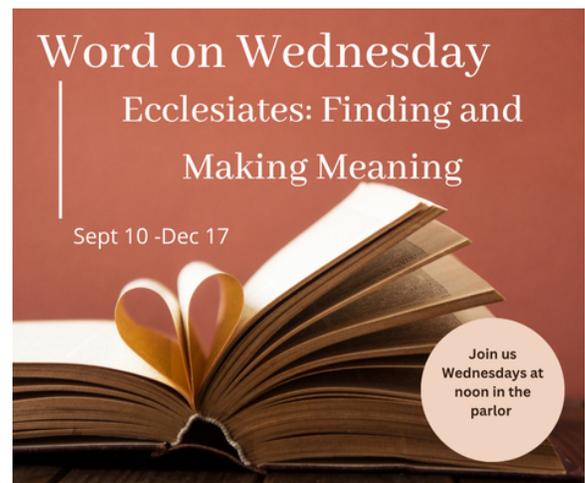
Teachers' Closet

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet is a free resource for teachers to stock up on supplies for their classrooms that otherwise would come out of their own pockets. The local teachers, mostly elementary and middle school, have been very appreciative.

The Teachers' Closet, started in September 2024, with a grant from the Lehigh Presbytery and with donations from members and other folks, has been self-sustaining. Our VBS program chose the Teachers' Closet as their mission program.

During the summer, the closet was reorganized and will "open" for business on August 20 from 3:00-6:00 pm. These are extended hours as the teachers prepare for the opening of the school year.

- The Teachers' Closet is open on the **1st Saturday from 10-11:30 am** and the **3rd Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm**.
- The full list of dates for the 2025-26 year is listed in the Fall issue of The Faith Flyer.
- There is an Amazon wish list with items needed for the Teacher's Closet.



WOW will not meet on these dates:

- September 24
- November 26
- December 24 & 31

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Summer Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Mondays and Fridays

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

Are You Willing to Serve?

The Nursery Needs You!

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the nursery during worship time. If you haven't obtained your clearances yet, we can help you with the process. Here are the dates when volunteers are needed:



- **Every Sunday in August & September**

To sign up, please write your name on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach. Remember, helpers will need their clearances. Thank you!

Worship Assistants Needed

Assisting during worship is easier than you might think! We provide clear, step-by-step instructions along with all necessary materials. Everything is prepped for you! However, we still need volunteers.



- **September 14, 21, 28**

To sign up, write your name on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you!



Farewell to Summer

The Farewell to Summer festival will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 20**, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Faith Church plans on having a space at the festival, which is held at the Emmaus Triangle.

Heather Davis is our contact person. If you can help at our booth, please contact her.



August 24 - Pastor on Vacation
Rev. Susan Gilbert Zencka preaches

August 31 - "Deliberate Humility in a World of Privilege"
Luke 14:1, 7-14

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025 CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

CROP Hunger Walk

It's always fun to be thinking and planning ahead if you can. Right now we're thinking of the CROP WALK, which reminds us of world hunger. No, it's not next week, but we may want to mark our calendars...**October 19**. More to follow later, of course.



PLUS - Prayer, Love, Understanding, Support

136 households served
246 different households received food in 2024

CURRENT NEEDS

- Adult & Children's cereal
- Boxed mashed potatoes (13-16 oz.)
- BBQ sauce, salad dressing (Ranch, Italian, French)
- Baked beans
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste for children
- Mouthwash

ONGOING NEEDS

- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans, or Weis (which we use to buy food for our shelves).
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best buy" date

PLEASE NO...

- Over-the-counter medicines/vitamins/supplements
- Food beyond its "use by/best buy" date
- Large or family-sized items
- Clothing or household items

Any donations go in the big Soup Can. Thanks!

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

Next Week

Sunday, August 17 - Fall Faith Flyer Deadline
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Monday, August 18 - Church Office Closed
Pastor on vacation through Aug. 24
7:00 p.m. - Ministry to the Community (P)

Tuesday, August 19
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, August 20
8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
3:00 p.m. - Teachers' Closet

Thursday, August 21
3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 22 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 23

This Week

Sunday, August 24 - Pastor on vacation
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service, Rev. Gilbert-Zencka preaching

Monday, August 25 - Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, August 26
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, August 27
8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)

Thursday, August 28
3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 29 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 30

Pastoral Care Needs

For medical emergencies or death, contact Pastor Rebecca, or contact the Moderator of Deacons, Yvonne Stauffer. Contact information is in the directory.



Flyer deadline—Today!
Daybreak – September 8
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00



Mark Your Calendars!

- Sep. 1..... Labor Day, church office closed
- Sep. 6..... Yard Sale
- Sep. 8..... Daybreak, Regular Office Hours resume
- Sep. 20..... Farewell to Summer
- Sep. 21-28..... Pastor's vacation/study leave
- Sep. 28..... Peace & Global Witness, Clean-up Day
- Oct. 5..... Joint Worship @ The Barn
- Oct. 13..... Daybreak
- Oct. 19..... Crop Hunger Walk
- Nov. 8..... Presbytery Meeting @ Faith
- Nov. 16..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
- Nov. 30..... Advent Begins
- Dec. 6..... Craft Fair
- Dec. 8..... Daybreak
- Dec. 25..... Christmas
- Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

- Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter
 Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____
