

# Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL is held after the Children's Message during the 10:00am worship service, for children ages 4 to 8, in the downstairs classroom on the left.

There is a uni-sex, handicap accessible RESTROOM on the Sanctuary Level. Additional men's and women's restrooms with baby changing stations are located downstairs.

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Faith UMC is one Church in two locations:

- Faith Church in Fox Chapel
- Roots of Faith in Sharpsburg

*Our Vision is  
to build community  
by reconciling people  
with God and one another.*



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LIVING WITH  
COURAGE AND HOPE IN  
UNCERTAIN TIMES

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania

September 27, 2020

Order of Worship  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE

**Prelude** *My Lord, What a Morning* ARR. GLENDA AUSTIN  
Carly Tansimore, keyboard

**Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.  
**People: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.**

**Leader:** God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

**People: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.**

**Leader:** Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

**People: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us.  
AMEN.**

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)**

**Gracious Lord,  
how shall we do your will today?  
Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers  
lifted?  
Who will you lead us to serve?  
Help us trust you. Help us listen.  
Bless this community as we come together in worship.  
Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete.  
Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (v. 1,4)  
UMH 66

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,  
you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring,  
gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
**People: And also with you!**

PROCLAMATION

**Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 21:23-32*

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' 24 Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" 26 But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' 27 So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." 29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. 30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

**Leader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message**

**Moment for Mission** Outreach Director, Kathleen Stanley

**Community Announcements**

**Offering** *People Need the Lord* MCHUGH AND NELSON  
Celeste Callahan, soloist and Carly Tansimore, accompanist

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**New Testament Lesson** *Revelation 21:1-4*

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Fearing the Future* Rev. Scott Shaffer

RESPONSE

**Response Hymn** *Take My Life and Let it Be* (v.1) UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

**Bible Discussion**

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**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.**

SENDING FORTH

**\*Closing Hymn** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* (v.1,5) UMH 315

1. Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought forth Israel  
into joy from sadness;  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

5. "Alleluia!" now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son,  
God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

**Postlude** *Rock-a My Soul* ARR. GLENDA AUSTIN  
Carly Tansimore, keyboard

**Benediction**