

Welcome!

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 7, 2014 +8:30 A.M. +++11:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy McLaughlin, Lay Leader

PRELUDE

Borning Cry

arr. David Christiansen

Heather Cooper, organ

*HYMN OF INTENTION

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 62

Vs. 1,2,5,7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Colossians 3:16

One: Our song cries out to the Lord, for God has done wonderful things!

Many: The words of Christ dwell in us richly as we seek to teach and admonish each other in wisdom. We search for your rejuvenation.

One: We sing psalms and hymns to you, O God!

Many: Like a rushing river, our jubilation cannot be contained.

One: Our renewal can only be found in you. We thirst for your goodness!

Many: Our voices rise to meet you, O God. Let our song go into our world to celebrate, serve, and teach about your wonders. Let us seek your life giving song of renewal for we do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

+++CHILDREN'S SERMON & HYMN OF CELEBRATION “We Are Marching [Siyahamba]”

Kathy Schmucker, Spiritual Formation Director; Daniel Parsley, Worship Arts Coordinator

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

arr. Wayne Wold

+++Ten Commandment Boogie

James Statema

Cherub Choir, Sandy Wallace, director

+++Hosanna to the Son

Jody Lindh

Carol Choir; Joanne Fox, director

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94 or See Below

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21a pg. 61 OT

ANTHEM

The Heaven's Proclaim

Benedetto Marcello; arr. Hopson

Chancel Choir and Dennis Sarver, trumpet

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMISSIONING OF FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Matt: Today we recognize and celebrate our Christian Education & Spiritual Formation and Youth Members in Ministry who will teach and nurture our children, youth, and adults. Through the millennia, God has raised up teachers, mentors, prophets, and guides to lead and instruct the people of faith. Our teachers, helpers, and small group leaders take their place in this long and honored history of teaching and learning. Our current holy guides stand before us today.

Kathy: Throughout generations God calls people to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of teaching and learning.

Congregation: We are grateful that God has raised up dedicated teachers and leaders who help us grow in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Faith Formation Members in Ministry: *God has called us to the teaching and learning ministries of this congregation. May God grant us the wisdom and ability to guide others as they seek to be formed in faith.*

Matt: Learning is a continuous process. It begins at birth and continues throughout our lives.

We never will learn all there is to know about God and how to live as God's people.

Faith Formation Members in Ministry: *We promise to pray for those we teach, to prepare carefully, and to teach faithfully so that our classes and small groups may be places where people learn to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

Congregation: We are all learners. We commit to pray for those who lead and those who seek as they study the Scriptures and strive to grow as disciples of Christ. May God enlighten with wisdom those who teach and those who learn so that we may all live as God's people in the world.

Kathy: Parents and guardians, remembering the words of Deuteronomy 6:4-9, will you strive to establish foundations of faith in your home; nurturing, supporting, and leading your children by example on this sacred journey of faith?

Parents & Guardians: *We will, as partners in faith, take seriously our call to raise our children with the knowledge and love of Christ, inspired by God's holy Word, and leading by example as we seek to grow in our faith.*

Matt: Grandparents, today is known as 'Grandparents Day' and so we also acknowledge the special role you play in the faith formation of our children and youth. Will you support our children and their parents, modeling by your own desire for continued growth in faith on this lifelong journey of growing to be like Christ?

Grandparents: *We will, seeking the illumination of Jesus, the Light of the world.*

Congregation: We give thanks for the role of the family in the faith formation of all generations. We remember our baptismal vows to do all we can to nurture the faith of our children, youth and families and will support parents, grandparents and caregivers in this ministry. We also pledge ourselves in the journey of lifelong learning. May the light and strength of Christ be a blessing to all. AMEN.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, AND THE 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 glory forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

No. 12 -15

The Invitation

The Prayer of Confession

We confess so that we may be renewed in spirit and purpose and indeed sing a new song. O God, We confess that we are just as liable to critically judge a person as to welcome them into our fellowship; that we are just as likely to smear a reputation with foolish chatter as we are to speak gently in offering hospitality; and that we are blindly prejudiced in our convictions about any person who is “different”. Forgive us, we pray.

The Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

+++COMMUNION MUSIC

Oceans

Hillsong

Russell Aldridge, Praise Team Leader, and Lydia Aldridge

+++COMMUNION ANTHEM *Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name* arr. B. Dennard

Joy Unlimited Youth Choir; Mike Wiley, director

(To best honor our members who are gluten intolerant all of the Communion Bread in the Side Stations - served in the traditional manner- is gluten free)

*HYMN OF MISSION

“How Great Thou Art“

No. 77

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Three-Fold Amen”

No. 898

*POSTLUDE

Prelude in Eb Major

Camille Saint-Saëns

Come-Union: All are invited to extend your Worship experience by attending the Communion extension through a new experience called Come-Union! We will meet at the altar following the Postlude.

**Please stand, as you are able*

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Next Sunday, September 14: Pastor Steve preaching; Jack Brannen, organ

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance:

8:30am: 103 **9:45am:** 115 **11:00am:** 106 **TOTAL: 324**



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 7, 2014 KickOff Celebration

Co-Pastors: Revs. Cara & Steve Stultz Costello

Organist: Heather Cooper

Liturgists: + Barb and Len Terlizzi +++ Sandy Vaughn

Greeters: +++ Herbert and Beverly Kimble

Today's altar flowers are given by Jim and Genny Burkholder to the Glory of God

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