

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 2020 † 10:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements and prayer concerns will be shown
on the livestream before and after the worship service.

Live stream access at 10 a.m.; Prelude at 10:20 and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive)

We come to this place with different needs:

some of us wrestling with problems that threaten to overwhelm us;

some of us crying out for healing, for relevance, for refuge;

some of us hungering for what God alone can provide.

In this time and in this place, God is here and meets us face to face.

Praise to the Lord who gives us strength. Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise

We Gather Together

131 UMH

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, you have called us into a whole-hearted relationship with you. You've asked us to leave behind all we possess, and live out our faith with passion and integrity. We thank you for the deep love you have shown toward us. Forgive us when we take our relationship with you for granted, when we let the fire of our early commitment cool, and allow other things to take priority in our lives. Give us strength to hold on to you no matter what comes our way. Give us courage to wrestle honestly with the things we don't understand, to continually work out our salvation with fear and trembling, to grapple daily with what it means to faithfully follow you. We are your people, chosen and named by you. Grant us your continued blessing, and mark us with your love as we seek to live as your disciples in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Children's Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

2129 TFWS

Offering Words

On our own, what we have to give might not seem like much in comparison to all God has given us, and in the face of so much need. But when we give together, as congregations, what we offer to God here, in love, becomes more; not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. When God blesses our gifts, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Thank you all for your faithful giving to the work of God's church.

Offertory Response

Give Thanks

2036 TFWS

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Offering (in unison)

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to you, asking you to dedicate them to do the work of love and compassion in the world. We know that putting what we have in your hands will bring abundance. Multiply these gifts with the love in which they are offered, that they might bring hope to those in need, and might glorify and celebrate your love for all your children. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon Hymn

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (vs. 1 & 3)

480 UMH

Sermon

Grab On and Don't Let Go!

Caren Schultz

Closing Hymn

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

664 UMH

And now our service begins . . .

Pastor: Rev. Kathy Reid, Faith and Bethel UMCs

Worship Musician: Hilarie Mukavitz

Music Director: Chris Raisbeck

Song Leader: Andria Peterson

Audio Visual Team: Chris Raisbeck, Caleb TenPas



*"I will not let you go until
you bless me!"*