



Meanwhile, David and the entire house of Israel celebrated in the LORD's presence with all their strength, with songs, zithers, harps, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals. 2 Samuel 6:5

**“Being a Church of Life:
Choosing Fun over Drudgery”**

March 7, 2021

Online greet time 9:15 a.m., worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

Faith United Methodist Church

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Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship

“Creation Sings”

W&S 3018

Call to Worship

*One: Come, let us worship God
with the passion and joy of King David
and all the people
who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.*

**Many: Let us worship our Savior
with the songs of praise and thanksgiving of
the apostle Paul
and all who are blessed with every spiritual blessing.**

*One: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,
destined us to be children of God,
and sealed us in the Holy Spirit.*

Many: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

W&S 3001

Opening Prayer

**Many: We praise you with joy, loving God,
for your grace is better than life itself.
You have sustained us through the darkness,
and you bless us with life in this new day.
In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy
and bless your holy name. AMEN.**

Special Music

A Time for Children

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 14-19

Hymn of Preparation

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH 261

Sermon

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Rev. Marianne Ozanne

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

UMH 882

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings

The Doxology

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

FWS 2257

The Lord's Prayer

Many: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Many: Glorious God,
you created us because you are love.
It is your will and our destiny that we live
into the full humanity of Jesus Christ
so that we can praise you,
give voice to creation's joy,
and join with all things in heaven and on earth
to rejoice in your goodness forever.
Thank you for this high calling and privilege.
We bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us.
Because they come from you, they are holy;
because you have given them to us,
you honor us as if we are holy.
As we return them to you with our thanksgiving,
bless them with the power of your love
so that they may touch the lives of others
and inspire them to join us
in giving you thanks and praise
in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn	“I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”	"UMH 333
Benediction		
Choral Benediction	“We Are God’s People”	'FWS 2220
Postlude		

— Worship is over. The service begins. —



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