



July 21, 2024 • *9th Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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# Faith United Methodist Church

Welcome to worship!

## Gathering and Praise

### Welcome and Announcements

### Centering Music

### Call to Worship

*One: Friends, families, and neighbors,  
do you love the light of the bright sun on your face,  
source of energy and warmth for the world?*

**Many: We love the light of the bright sun!**

*One: Do you love the coolness of the dark night,  
sparkling with stars and source of rest for the world?*

**Many: We love the coolness of the dark night!**

*One: Come and worship God,  
who created the warmth of the day and the coolness of night.*

**Many: God created the light and the darkness,  
and we need them both to survive!**

*One: Come and see the bright Light  
who has been born in the deepest darkness.*

**Many: On the brightest day and darkest night, we are ready to worship!**

### Opening Hymn

“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

UMH 234

### Opening Prayer

**Many: God, we have come together to celebrate the birth of your child,  
Jesus. You sent Jesus to be born in Bethlehem, on a dark night,  
full of bright stars. Jesus came so we might know the love, grace,  
and mercy of you, God.**

**And whether we find ourselves in the coolness of night or the  
warmth of day, we thank you for the gift of Christmas!**

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**  
**Creating Connections**

**“I Saw Three Ships”**

*Baby Bells*

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Gil Kinnunen*

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:1-14**

**Hymn of Preparation “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

UMH 230

**Message**

*Rev. Marianne Ozanne*

**Responding to the Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

UMH 882

**Special Music**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.**

**Gathering of our Tithes and our Offerings**

**The Doxology**

UMH 94

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Many: Gracious God, on this holy day,  
you gave us the greatest gift of all time.  
You sent us Jesus, to live among us  
and show us the way of love and justice.  
We are filled with such joy that we cannot help but  
respond with generosity, giving what we have  
so our faith community can continue the work  
of love and justice in the world.  
Bless our offering and help us to use it wisely. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**“Joy to the World”**

UMH 246

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

— Worship is over. The service begins. —

Please join us for fellowship & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

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