



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

GATHERING AND MEDITATION

As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Meditation

John Stainer

(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.

First Time Visitors – *Please complete the yellow card & place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

*HYMN

God, Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us

UMH #100

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

In faith, the church continually seeks to understand what tasks God has set before us at the present moment.

In faith, we gather now to worship,

knowing that as we reach out to God, God will make us new.

Give us the faith, O God, to go forward.

Give us the faith, O God, to embrace the newness to which you call us.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope.

We come to this place of worship today,

ready to see your power working in us and through us.

Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Pastor Kathryn

Children in Preschool through Grade 5 may go to Sunday School afterwards.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

**O God, open our hearts and minds and souls
to hear your word as if for the first time.**

**Help us experience anew the surprise and joy
that your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 18:1-15

PB, OT p. 14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Deep River (Spiritual)

arr. Moses Hogan

Andre Coleman, tenor

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

PB, NT p. 155

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SERMON

"Hope in the Midst of Suffering"

Rev. Dr. Woodrow

*HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands
Andre Coleman, tenor

arr. Margaret Bonds

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

God, our Heavenly Father,

in the power of gracious love, you reveal the meaning of parenthood.

You bring forgiveness, joy, and laughter to earthly families

where relationships are strained by sin.

Thank you for your abundant love as you listen and respond to our prayers.

Accept these offerings as a sign of our thankfulness.

May you bless the parents, children, and grandparents of our church

so that we may be a blessing to our neighbors.

We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH #374

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)

Tune: Land of Rest

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.**

**God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**



The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Nancy Skinner in honor of her daughters, Beth and Anne.



Congratulations to Faith's Youth Director, JD Garris, and Maddie Hook who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 10.

Chapel in the Woods has begun! Our casual summer early service meets at 8:45 a.m. in the wooded chapel off the parking lot. Today's speaker was Laurie Halverson. The upcoming schedule includes Hunter Prillaman, Lay Member of Annual Conference, on June 25 and Scott Roby, Director of Congregational Care, on July 2.



Summer Music – While our choirs take a well-deserved summer break, we enjoy a variety of special music in worship. If you sing or play an instrument and would like to offer a musical selection during one of our 10:00 a.m. services this summer, please contact our Director of Music, Michael Wu, at singingwu67@aol.com or 847-971-0610.

"When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."
 – Mark Twain (1835-1910)

