



Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 13, 2018

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

In the Garden

arr. Dan Miller

(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

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

UMH #312

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is alive. He is risen from the dead.

The Holy One calls us to worship and praise.

Baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit,

we live with Christ in our hearts.

Clap your hands and shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Sing praises to God, who fills the world with forgiveness and grace.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, Creator of all that is and all that ever will be.
You sent your holy child, Jesus, to heal us and bless us, to show us your love.
After his suffering and death on the cross, he was still among us,
proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins for all who call on his name.
Just as you sent the power of the Holy Spirit to those who first believed,
fill us now with your power and grace,
that we may become the hands and feet, and heart and spirit, of Christ.
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 Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

PB, NT p. 91

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

God Is Gone Up with a Shout
Chancel Choir

Healey Willan

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1:1-11

PB, NT p. 119

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Ever-Widening Circle"

Rev. Dr. Woodrow

*HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH #327

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Lo, I Am with You Always* Eric William Barnum
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray.

**God of all creation, powerful Spirit, Savior of all,
use our gifts to bring hope to a world that is desperately in need of your grace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior,
who has ascended to heaven and lives with God, now and forever. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*HYMN *Christ Is Alive* UMH #318

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (v. 1) UMH #664

POSTLUDE *Festive Voluntary* John Stanley
(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).



The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by:

- Harold and Connie Matter, in loving memory of their son, Craig; and
- Tim Evans and Sara Romeyn, in celebration of Julia's 14th birthday.

CELEBRATION AND FAREWELL FOR PASTOR KATHRYN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10

June 10 will be Pastor Kathryn's last Sunday at Faith. We will have a potluck lunch after the 10:00am service to celebrate her time at Faith and wish her and Don the best of luck as they enter the next chapter of their lives. This event will allow us to express our gratitude and appreciation for all she has brought to Faith.

Please bring a dish to share as designated below:

- People with last names beginning with A-J, please bring a side dish.
- People with last names beginning with K-P, please bring a main dish.
- People with last names beginning with Q-Z, please bring a dessert.



Potluck contributions can be dropped off in the kitchen prior to the 10:00am worship service. Please feel free to mark your dish with baking/warming instructions and volunteers will get everything ready while you worship. Then come downstairs for some wonderful food and fellowship after worship. Please plan to be here on June 10 and enjoy this celebration of Kathryn's time at Faith!