



# Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

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## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*\*Please stand with heart or posture. The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*  
UMH=United Methodist Hymnal PB=Pew Bible

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### WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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#### 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

*Before the Throne of God* Charlie Lees Bancroft,  
Megan Israel Gryder, Flute Vikki Cook  
*(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 and place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us to service,  
**rather than honor.**  
God call us to love the unknown,  
**rather than the familiar.**  
We come to this time of worship,  
**trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,**  
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

UMH #159

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Holy God,**

**you alone are worthy of honor and praise.**

**Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.**

**Give us the wisdom to witness your presence  
in all people.**

**Transform us in love,**

**grow us in our faith,**

**call us to love with a full heart**

**and to share your promises with all people. Amen.**

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**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND**

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Laura Norvell

SUMMER AT FAITH – A VISUAL THANKSGIVING

*Children ages 4-10 may go to Sunday School afterwards (ages 3 and under to Nursery).*

ANTHEM

*To Kill a Mockingbird*

Elmer Bernstein

Megan Israel Gryder, Flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

**Holy God, your word is a light in darkness  
and a source of blessing.**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us;**

**enliven our hearts and minds**

**as we hear your word for us today;**

**through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 – 16

PB, NT page 223

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

PB, NT page 77

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Widening the Table

Rev. Laura Norvell

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD, PASTORAL PRAYER

*If you have a prayer request that you would like to have listed in the bulletin or given to the Prayer Chain, please complete one of the white cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

## **WE OFFER GOD OUR THANKS AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

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### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

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The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward by the side aisles at the direction of the ushers. Once you receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the center aisle.*

*If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

*Please join in the singing of the following hymns as we celebrate Holy Communion:  
UMH #628, 620, 641, He Has Made Me Glad (screen).*

**As you come forward to receive the Sacrament, please bring your tithes and offerings, and place them in the plates.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Bring us all together in perfect unity. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

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\*CLOSING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH #529

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)

**Grant us thy peace along our homeward way.  
With thee began with thee will end the day.  
Guard thou our lips from sin our hearts from shame.  
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

George Frideric Handel

*(fourth movement of Sonata in A Minor, HWV 362)*

Megan Israel Gryder, Flute

*(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).*



Altar Flowers

**The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by Karen & Jim Johnston in honor of all students and wishing them a great school year.**

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**We welcome Megan Israel Gryder** to Faith Church this morning! Megan works with Michael as Production Manager for the Strathmore Children's Chorus. She earned two bachelor's degrees: one in flute performance from the University of Maryland, and a BA in Production Studies in the Performing Arts from Clemson University, where she studied acting, stage presence, and set/prop design. She studied flute with Aaron Goldman, principal flutist for the National Symphony. Megan enjoys teaching flute lessons to students of all ages in the greater DC area, and she encourages her own students to attend local flute events and to strive for opportunities to perform. You can read her full bio at [megangryder.com](http://megangryder.com).

### **Read Pastor Laura's Sermons**

Pastor Laura posts her sermons on her blog, *A Faith to be Faithful to Me*. Subscribe to her blog or access them on our website (<https://faithtobefaithfultome.blogspot.com>)