

# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



August 16, 2020 at 10:30AM – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**W**ELCOME FRIENDS: We have come together to worship God and to love one another. While worshipping online, we also are aware that we are not alone—for the Holy Spirit gathers us across space and time. You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; or what experiences, struggles, questions or gifts you bring. We are glad you are here...and hope you find what you need today.

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

Please 'sign in' by liking or commenting on the video or sending an email to [JBPerkowski@gmail.com](mailto:JBPerkowski@gmail.com). Let us know who watched the video with you and send in any prayer requests that we can lift up.

## A TIME FOR CENTERING & PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Unite us, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street. **God meets us here.**

We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls & the Breath of Our Lives. **Unite us in praise, Lord, unite us by your everlasting love.**

Adapted from: Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133

John Rice

## HYMN

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

UMH #557

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

John Rice

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*We Are the Clay*

Keagan & Evie Meck

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Softly and Tenderly*

Anthony and Jody Wiker

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 15:10-28

John Rice

*This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON

*To The Lost Sheep*

Pastor Jason

## HYMN

*We Are the Church*

UMH #558

## LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

by Pope John Paul II, Karol Wojtyla of Poland

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**Faith Worship Team Director:** Phil Buchanan;

**Faith Instrumentalists:** Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar, Brian Kohler, Nick Margerum & the Faith Singers.

**OCUMC Pianist:** Jody Wiker & **Cellist, Guitar and Vocals:** Anthony Wiker

**Audio / Visual Technology:** Dennis Meck, Sr. & Bryan Nelson

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Perkowski      **Ministers:** The People of God

Explore [OregonCommunityUMC.US](http://OregonCommunityUMC.US) & [FaithUMC.US](http://FaithUMC.US) for more info about our churches.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE BROADCAST at FM 89.9 each Sunday at 10:30AM as well as on Facebook Live through the churches' and Pastors' Facebook pages & church websites.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PASTOR JASON & CAROL OFFICE HOURS:** We are working between home and the office. The best way to reach us directly is by email or cell phone. Pastor Jason: (717) 333-9238 or [jbperkowski@gmail.com](mailto:jbperkowski@gmail.com). Office: (717) 560-0321 or [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com)

**YOU ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK AND TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE (AT 6 FEET APART)** while you are in our building, even if you are just stopping in for a few minutes to drop something off or pick something up. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If someone has special needs that the church can support, please contact Pastor Jason. You can also dial 2-1-1 or visit [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) to reach the **United Way Call Center** who can direct you to social service organizations to provide help. If someone is in crisis, suffering from **severe depression or is suicidal**, call **Crisis Intervention Lifeline: 717-394-2631**

**PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE:** If you know someone who would appreciate the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact us. *If you would like to donate yarn for this ministry, you may leave it in the green container on the bench by the front door.*

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE REVISIONS:** We will be creating volunteer schedules as we look forward to reopening in the future. We understand that due to the current health situation some of you may not be comfortable in the positions you previously held and there may be others ready to help out. We will be making adjustments to some of the duties based on new safety procedures. **Please let us know if you would like to join one of the following teams. If you are currently on any of the following schedules please let us know if you are willing to continue or not:** Greeter, Usher, Acolyte, Liturgist, Junior Church Teacher, Junior Church Aide, Adult Sunday School Leader, Youth Sunday School Leader, Clean Team, Counting Team, Altar Guild.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THANK YOU TO ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you for stepping up to the challenge with our new virtual VBS. We appreciate your ministry & welcome your feedback.

**COMMUNION:** We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot on Sunday, **Aug. 23 and Sept. 6 at 1pm.** Worship will be held at 10:30AM online, and then you are invited to join us for the Sacrament of Communion in your vehicles at 1pm. You will need to ***bring your own bread and juice*** which will be collectively blessed by Pastor Jason during the service. You will also need to stay in your vehicles with windows closed to keep one another safe. **We will broadcast the service on FM 89.9 to your car radios.**

**JUNIOR CHURCH BY ZOOM AT 9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY:** Kids up to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to join the Junior Church online with Julie Hassara. We are also sending out weekly activity pages *and the Zoom password by email.* If you are interested please email us at [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com). **Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236612038>**

**YOUTH GROUP BY ZOOM AT 5 PM EACH SUNDAY:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/421338708> The link & password will be sent by text message.

**CHATting / PHILOSOPHERS CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM.** We discuss a new interesting topic each week & make space for various opinions. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>. **This Week:** “We just passed the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), which has brought opportunity, access and assistance to millions of people... We will use this milestone to consider what the ADA has taught us, for our public life and for our church life, and how it has reinforced some biblical views.” **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.chattingatthegeneralsutter.us) for more information.**

**MONTHLY MEN’S GROUP WILL MEET ONLINE VIA ZOOM at 11:30 AM on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772223613>  
**One tap mobile:** +16468769923,,86772223613# **Meeting ID:** 867 7222 3613

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM:** Click here to join us:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>  
**One tap mobile:** +16468769923,,83172825482# **Meeting ID:** 831 7282 5482

**TO ZOOM BY LANDLINE:** +1 646 876 9923 (NY) or +1 301 715 8592 (Germantown, MD)

**OFFERING TITHES & GIFTS TO THE LORD:** If you are able to make an offering to our Ministries or the Debt Reduction Fund, we encourage you to do so. If you are facing economic uncertainties, *please let us know how we can help you.* **BENEVOLENCES:** You may give to the **Faith UMC or OCUMC Benevolence Funds** to be used to help people in our churches and community. You can also give to the **Community Care Ministry** which will be split between the 1) Lancaster City / Columbia Food Banks and Tutoring 2) Anchorage Breakfast & 3) Long Memorial Friday Night Food Ministry. Please mark *Benevolence* or *Community Care Ministry* in memo. **You can mail a check** to Faith UMC, 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz PA 17543 or Oregon Community UMC, 1214 Creek Rd, Lititz, PA 17543 or **donate digitally using the [Online Giving](https://www.onlinegiving.com) link at [FaithUMC.US](https://www.faitumc.us).**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### OUR CONCERNS:

The UMC and the delegates to 2021 General Conference as we seek to find a way to make space for all people to be welcomed in God’s kingdom and to address theological differences around human sexuality  
President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence  
Presidential and Legislative candidates  
All government & military officials and their staff from the US & other nations: wisdom & safety  
Veterans and Service Members  
Civilians, leaders, and soldiers in war torn regions  
Victims of “religious,” white supremacist and racist bombings and shootings  
For peace & wisdom in areas of conflict  
Police officers and their families  
Individuals & families harmed in interactions with police  
First responders, emergency personnel, and medical staff  
For an end to violence—including gun violence, domestic violence, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction  
Victims & families involved in violent crime, sexual abuse and harassment  
Abusers and their families  
Repentance from (hetero)sexism & racism  
Healing & peace for divisions caused by race, class, gender, sexuality, politics & fears  
All affected by the natural disasters  
The people of Puerto Rico, Jamaica and other places affected by earthquakes  
Refugees & huddled masses yearning to be free  
People who are hungry and homeless  
Security and immigration reform  
Prisoners & Prison Leadership  
Schools & Education Reform  
Members of AA, NA, & AlAnon  
Those struggling with addictions, finances, etc.  
Those suffering from depression, suicidal ideation, and other mental health issues  
All those caring for sick loved ones  
Those grieving the loss of loved ones  
Wisdom around natural resources and the environment  
Eradication of deadly diseases  
Bishop Johnson, the EPAUMC Staff, and District Superintendent BK Chung and appointments  
Coleman Memorial Chapel & Rev. Beverly Andrews  
Rev. Dorcas, her UMC ministries in Sierra Leone, and her husband Daniel’s health  
Udobo School in Durban, South Africa  
Campus Ministry: Ed Weber & the United Campus Ministry at Millersville; Rev. David Piltz & Rev. Diana Esposito at Drexel & West Chester; Rev. Dr. Mel Sensenig & Rev. Ibrahim Bangura at Albright; & Lebanon Valley  
Becky, Angela and Maria Rodriguez – custody  
Becky Rodriguez – kidney failure & dialysis  
Phil Buchanan – strength & healing in legs/back  
Harry & Ella Buchanan – strength & healing

Charlotte Garfield  
Brian and Tina Grimm  
Dottie Sheaffer – healing for back  
Eileen Williams – healing for muscles  
Shelda’s granddaughter Bella’s health  
Bradley McGowan – ALS  
Linda Philbin – multi-focal motor neuropathy & sprain  
Donna Parmer – ongoing medical conditions  
Those with cancer: inc. Brian Rhodes, Cyndi Campbell, Dean Grove, Mark Reitzel, Pat Shenk, Kerry Link, Joe, John Rathvon  
Rosemary (Marilyn Jones’ sister) – healing  
Noah Boughter – wisdom, safety and recovery  
Annette McClarigan & family  
Willem Vanhuystee & family  
Ptryk Reksinska – healing  
Curt & Sandy O’Brien (Rhonda’s parents) – healing  
Carl Jones – strength & healing  
Kristin Reifsnnyder  
Heather Lindsey  
Don Klos – healing and strength  
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes  
Pastor Jim’s Aunt Margaret  
Margie Urban – Ecoli infection and heart problems  
Wagaman/Schroeder family  
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis  
Dot Lange – healing from pacemaker surgery  
Joetta Henry  
Paul Sides – broken bones from a fall and COVID  
Bob Jolly’s parents  
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan  
Clarita – kidney issues  
Sherry Guard as she makes a new start  
Mary Shenk’s sister Eva  
All Impacted by COVID-19: patients; healthcare workers & their families; families of the ill; residents, staff and families of those in nursing homes; students, teachers and parents; workers still reporting to jobsites, learning to telecommute, or who lost jobs; scientists and engineers working on cures and devices; native reservations  
Shaffer families recovering from COVID-19  
Parents raising children—esp. new parents and those educating their children at home due to COVID  
Laurel Meck - healing  
Diana Valentine – recovery from ankle surgery  
Justice and true peace regarding racial tensions  
Military service members who are deployed  
Mike Loechner – health  
Eby Family on death of Earl Eby  
**OUR PRAISES:**  
God’s presence through illness and struggle  
Family, friends, and a welcoming church  
All who have recovered from COVID-19  
VBS Volunteers and Families participating  
Brian Rhodes’ cancer is responding to chemotherapy