

# Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



September 6, 2020 at 10:30AM – 14<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

Now is the time to awaken to the presence of God the Eternal Spirit.

Now is the time to come alive with our songs of praise.

Today we open ourselves to the power of the Spirit in our lives.

Today we extend our hands in caring toward humanity.

We do all this because we have responded to the ministry and message of Jesus Christ, whose people we are. Amen (by Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.53)

## HYMN

*We Gather Together*

UMH #131

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 149

Anthony Wiker

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-14

Anthony Wiker

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

## HYMN

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH #133

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Pastor Jason

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

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

## HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH #196

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Pastor Jason

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

## SERMON

*Two-Edged Sword*

Pastor Jason

## HYMN

*They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

TFWS # 2223

Faith Worship Team Director: Phil Buchanan;

Faith Instrumentalists: Liz Hornberger, Dolly Bankert Haar & the Faith Singers.

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

Audio / Visual Technology: 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)

**UMC CAMPS** are financially struggling due to the cancellation of summer camp, retreats, and other programs due to COVID-19. If you would like to support those camps you can make a donation at: Treasurer's Office, Eastern PA Conference, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 with *Camp and Retreat Ministries* in the memo line. Text-to-Give at 610-463-0244 (with *CAMP - Camp Retreat Ministry*) or <https://www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/giving/> or submit to Faith UMC.

**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 whether or not you are willing to continue:** Greeter, Usher, Acolyte, Liturgist, Junior Church Teacher, Junior Church Aide, Adult Sunday School Leader, Youth Sunday School Leader, Clean Team, Counting Team, and Altar Guild.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**COMMUNION:** We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot on **TODAY at 1pm (and every First Sunday)**. Worship will be held at 10:30AM online, and then you are invited to join us for the Sacrament of Communion 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 us online with Julie Hassara. We are emailing weekly activity pages **and the Zoom password**. If interested, email [faithumc@hotmail.com](mailto:faithumc@hotmail.com). **Join Zoom: <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. **NO meeting tonight, join us Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**CHATting CLUB: MONDAYS AT 7 PM BY ZOOM.** We discuss a new interesting topic each week & make space for various opinions. Join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190453518>. **This Week: Anxiety on the Rise:** Amidst COVID-19 and its impact on schools, jobs and the economy many people are struggling with anxiety. Join us Sept. 7 as we discuss what is causing stress and some healthy responses. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](#) for more info.**

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM:** We discuss the scriptures for the upcoming sermon. Click here to join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>

**TO ZOOM BY PHONE:** (646) 876 9923 (NY) or (301) 715 8592 (MD) and enter the 11 digit number at the end of the links listed above for the meeting you are trying to join.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Amy Boughter is meeting in-person on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Welcome Center at Faith UMC. Masks and social distancing (6 feet apart) are required.** We are currently studying a variety of life application topics. Everyone is welcome—men and women, young and experienced!

**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](#) link at [FaithUMC.US](#).** You can also make a donation to our UMC Camps



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## 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 natural disasters—including hurricanes  
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 EPA/UMC 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  
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  
Carl Jones – strength & healing  
Kristin Reifsnnyder  
Heather Lindsey  
Don Klos – healing and strength after surgery  
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes  
Pastor Jim's Aunt Margaret  
Margie Urban – E. coli infection and heart problems  
Dave Urban – recovering from a fall  
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis  
Dot Lange – healing from pacemaker surgery  
Joetta Henry  
Bob Jolly's parents  
Katie & Dustin Oakes in Japan  
Clarita – kidney issues  
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  
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  
Miller / Solodky family on death of Sara's father  
Adalyn, Eileen Williams's neice – possible virus  
Shirley Herr in hospice center  
Wagaman/Schroeder family after a house fire  
Sebastian—recovery  
Family & friends of Paul Sides on his passing  
Jason Hurst – grandson of Judy Hurst  
**OUR PRAISES:**  
God's presence through illness and struggle  
Family, friends, and a welcoming church  
All who have recovered from COVID-19  
Brian Rhodes' cancer is responding to chemotherapy