



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, April 12, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

2nd Sunday of Easter

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Lois Thurnherr

Leader: To you, O God, we lift up our souls.

All: In you, O God, we put our trust.

Leader: Show us your ways, O God, and teach us.

All: Lead us in your truth for you are the God of our salvation.

INVOCATION

*HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* Gray #92 vs. 1,2,3

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us to show love and speak love more today than yesterday. Help us to love you and each other more each day. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God loves us despite our own failures of love. God is faithful to us, even when we are unfaithful to God. God is just to forgive us, and gracious in welcoming us as his children.

Brothers and sisters hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-22; 30:9-14

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 82:1-4

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

**“How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?”**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

***HYMN** *Lord of the Dance* (displayed on screens)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON “Goodness, Gracious”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Gray #436 vs. 1,2,3,5

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber, and family & friends of Gary Cook.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from April 5, 2026: \$1,996

Current: \$1,604 Benevolent: \$25

Maundy Thursday: \$102 Good Friday: \$5 Easter: \$160

Constantine Memorial: \$100

Attendance on Sunday, April 5, 2026: 54

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today there is a **congregational meeting immediately following worship** for the purpose of discussing and approving the expenditure of approximately \$2,900 for installation of two additional windows at the parsonage which were overlooked in the original agreement with Comfort Windows. All the other windows on the lower level of the house were replaced on March 4th & 5th.

This additional expense, as with all the other windows, is being covered by individuals in the church and will not come out of the church's budget. Congregational approval is required according to our bylaws because this unbudgeted expense exceeds 2% of the annual budget.

- Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. **Board Meeting**.
- **Intro to Meditation** classes: Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. March 16th – April 20th. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- Tickets are available for our **chicken BBQ** scheduled for Saturday, April 18th from 11:30 a.m. until sell out.
- **Senior Recognition Sunday** will be April 26th when we honor long-time members as well long lives and marriages. Please help us be sure our list is complete by confirming with a check mark, correcting or adding to the list on the bulletin board outside the church office or contacting our Church Secretary Angella Bennett (716) 941-3529, secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com) if you have been a member of Faith Church for 50 or more years, or married for 50 or more years, or 80 or more years old.
- **Dunkirk Camp early bird camp registration** ends April 15th. Don't miss your chance to save \$25! Whether you're looking for youth camps, adult camps, family weeks, or weekend retreats, there's something for everyone.