



Faith

UNITED CHURCH *of Christ*

September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service @ 10.15 a.m.

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Transitional Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley Organist

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time of Silent Preparation

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist – Pegge Cook

Leader: Come to us now, O Lord of Life,
People: And fill this place with your presence!
Leader: Everyone who calls upon will find fulfillment,
People: They will rejoice forever, because you are God!
Leader: Rejoice and give thanks!
People: Halleluiah! Amen!

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Gray #52

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive us, gracious God, for we deceive ourselves and are vulnerable to self-righteousness. Save us from the sin of pride that magnifies self and diminishes others. Give us the grace of your forgiveness and renew our hearts from the service of your kingdom. Through Jesus' love and grace, we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 6:1, 4-7 (Pg. 919 in pew Bible)

PSALM 146 (read antiphonally by congregation)

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

**The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16: 19-31 (Pg. 1049 in pew Bible)

*HYMN *Take Time to be Holy* Gray #540

SERMON "The Rich Man and the Beggar"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *Living For Jesus a Life That Is True* Gray #569
Verses 1,2,3

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

*DOXOLOGY

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Shalom To You Now"

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

***POSTLUDE**

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

For peace in our country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. For those whose needs we may not know. For Alice Baird, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Eleanor Cornwall, Shay Devinney, Barb Fink, Pat Granville, Jim Henry, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Marsha Lambert, Carol & Pete Mueller, Joe Piecuch, Mike Partridge, Phyllis Potter, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Claudia Renzi, Loretta Rishel, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, Joyce Whittemore.

Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day for our fall mission 'Undies Sunday'. We thank you for all of the donations of clothing for those in needy. Following church today we will be taking those donations to a church in Hamburg and we will sort them to put in bags for delivery to the homes.

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship today **Sunday, September 25** for the purpose of voting on calling Pastor Ted Brelsford as Settled Pastor at Faith Church. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Following Worship today there is a Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Inclusivity Group. Come and enjoy some fellowship time with each other.

On Sunday, October 9 following Worship there will be a Christian Education meeting. Please meet in the Senior High Classroom next to the Pastor's office.

On **Sunday October 2nd** which is World Communion Sunday we will serve Holy Communion during the worship service.



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