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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

“Faith”

***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.***

Worship Leaders:

Pastor: Michael Small

Liturgist: Sonja Huber

Special Music: Sabbastian Wilson Webb

Greeter: Marge Koch

Keyboard: Leisa Bragg

Tech: Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

“Joys Are Flowing like a River”

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CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 133)*

One: How very good and pleasant it is when the beloved community live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.

One: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

All: For there God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen

our faith in the teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

One: As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

(Allow a short moment of silence.)

All: Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE (2 Corinthians 4:13)

One: "Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak" in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God's Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sabbastian Wilson Webb

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's cross over to the other shore." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them.

³⁷ Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep

on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we're going to drown?"

³⁹ Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be calm!" And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. ⁴⁰ Jesus then said to the disciples, "Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?"

⁴¹ But they became filled with fear and said to one another, "Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?"

REFLECTION

"Be Still"

HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

#488

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison, using debts)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: We are grateful for the gifts that we receive in our lives. We invite you to participate in this opportunity of generosity to continue the mission of God's Love to the world. We are grateful and thankful.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

HYMN

"I Will trust in the Lord"

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PARTING WORDS

One: Dear Friends as we go out into the world and when a storm brews in life, remember to be in “Peace and be still” knowing that God’s presence never leaves us. Be the light of peace to a world which seeks it in the Name of God who created, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Faith: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Roberto Ochoa, the Minister for Ethnic Inclusion, & Congregational Support for Rural and Small Churches for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. He is a member of Mt. Zion Congregational UCC in Cleveland, OH.