



# Faith United Methodist Church

6810 Montrose Road, Rockville, Maryland 20852

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand    The People's Responses Are in Bold Print*

*UMH=United Methodist Hymnal    PB=Pew Bible*

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### WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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#### GATHERING AND MEDITATION

*As you enter and take your seat, please respect those around you who use this time to quietly center themselves and prepare their hearts for worship.*

#### PRELUDE

*Here I am Lord*

Arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

*(As the Prelude begins, please observe silence)*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Friendship Books – Please record your attendance and pass the book to those next to you.*

***First Time Visitors** – Please complete the yellow card and place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

#### MINISTRY MOMENT

Pack 60 Scouts

Joshua Weber

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

**The Spirit of the Lord is in us.**

Anointing us,

**Sending us.**

To bring good news

**To bind up**

To proclaim favor

**To comfort**

To provide

**To loosen.**

The day of the Lord is coming.  
**The day of the Lord has come.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*God of Love and God of Power*

UMH #578

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**God, we do not understand Jesus, the prophet.**

**We do not want to get our hands dirty with the poor,  
the oppressed, the prisoners.**

**It's just so much easier to write a check or deliver a meal  
than to be up close and personal.**

**Forgive us for being insulated and isolated.**

**Open our hearts to everyone in need and help us to love them as you love them,  
working to bring in the good news of the reign of God.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us.

We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, dear friends!

In the Name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the Name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST     *Offer to those around you this ancient greeting:*

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you.**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD AND FAITHFULLY RESPOND**

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Joye Jones

*Children in Preschool through Grade 4 may go to Sunday School afterwards.*

ANTHEM

*This Little Light of Mine*  
Chancel Choir

Arr. Mark Hayes

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that,  
as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

PB, NT page,61

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"You Can't Be Serious, Jesus"

Rev. Joye Jones

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD, PASTORAL PRAYER

*If you have a prayer request that you would like to have listed in the bulletin or given to the Prayer Chain, please complete one of the white cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

## **WE OFFER GOD OUR THANKS AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF GRACE**

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH pp. 15

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

UMH p. 895

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Please come forward by the side aisles at the direction of the ushers. Once you receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup and eat it immediately. You may then return to your seat by the center aisle.*

*If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

*Please join in the singing of the following hymns as we celebrate Holy Communion:*

*#110; #405; #463; #549*

*As you come forward to receive the Sacrament, please bring your tithes and offering, and place them in the plates.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.

Through this sacrament, may we be enriched with faith, hope and love,  
to go into your world, anointed by grace, to give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

Adapted by Joye Jones

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**WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

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\*CLOSING HYMN

*We Are Called*

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\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sung)

**Grant us thy peace along our homeward way.**

**With thee began with thee will end the day.**

**Guard thou our lips from sin our hearts from shame.**

**That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*

George Whiting

*(You are encouraged to be seated and enjoy the Postlude).*



**The flowers at the front of the chancel are given by** Elise & Ed Bruner in celebration of Elise's precious granddaughter, Bailee, on her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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