

Faith & Oregon Community United Methodist Churches



August 23, 2020 at 10:30AM – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME 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. 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

Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

How great is our God!

From generation to generation we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you are just and kind in all your doings.

Great is our God and worthy of praise!

God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!

(by Safiyah Fosua from UMCDiscipleship.org)

HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

UMH #382

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 124

Pastor Jason

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

John Rice

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Jason

HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH #383 v. 1-4

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

John Rice

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

SERMON

Be Transformed

Pastor Jason

HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH #399

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 & 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. Office: (717) 560-0321 or faithumc@hotmail.com

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMUNION: We will offer a no-contact Communion Service in the Faith UMC parking lot on Sunday, **Aug. 23 and Sept. 6 at 1pm.** Worship will be held at 10:30AM online, and then you are invited to join us for the Sacrament of Communion in your vehicles 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 4th Grade are invited to join the Junior Church online with Julie Hassara. We are also sending out weekly activity pages *and the Zoom password by email.* If you are interested please email us at faithumc@hotmail.com. **Join Zoom Meeting: <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.

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:** A massive explosion shook Beirut, killing and injuring many people—as well as destroying property and leaving thousands homeless. The blast is believed to be an accidental detonation of dangerous materials warehoused in Beirut's port and some are being blamed for allowing such materials to be long-stored in a highly populated area—a sin of omission (failing to do something they should have done to prevent harm). This gives us the chance to discuss the areas where we fail to act. **Check out [ChattingAtTheGeneralSutter.US](https://www.chattingatthegeneralsutter.us) for more info.**

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM AT 10 AM: Click here to join us:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83172825482>

THE WOMEN OF FAITH WILL MEET on Wednesday, September 2nd. You may join us **via Zoom at 10:00 AM** by using this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86590729629> **and/or join us under the tree at Faith UMC at 11:30 AM.** If you choose the in-person option, please wear a mask (except when you are eating), sit 6 feet apart, bring your own lunch and chair. Folding chairs will be placed outside to help with spacing. Place your chair between the folding chairs.

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

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.**

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 the natural disasters
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 EPAUMC 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
Brian and Tina Grimm
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
Michelle Rathvon Mitterer – healing from strokes
Pastor Jim's Aunt Margaret
Margie Urban – Ecoli infection and heart problems
Dave Urban – recovering from a fall
Wagaman/Schroeder family
Kathleen Shifflet – rheumatoid arthritis
Dot Lange – healing from pacemaker surgery
Joetta Henry
Paul Sides – broken bones from a fall and COVID
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
Shaffer families recovering from COVID-19
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

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