

Today is the last Sunday of the worship series "Faith is ..."
We have been following along with Jesus as he meets people and tells stories that show us his topsy-turvy view of faith.

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The liturgy today is based on prayers by Thom Shuman

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

DEDICATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR STORY "Faith is ..."

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" C. Christiansen

INTROIT "Faith is..." *See insert*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God: you grasp chaos and shake it into
new heavens brimming with light, new earth teeming with life.

You delight in your children so much that
**before we finish our sentences, you have heard our hearts;
before we whisper our dreams, you fill our needs.**

Word of God: you shape our lips and loosen our tongues
**that we might witness to your kingdom
amidst earthquakes, famines, and plagues,
despite persecution and betrayal.**

Spirit of Wisdom: open us, **that we might trust without fear;**
teach us, **that we might discern our call to faithfulness;**
fill us, **that we might speak your words and rely on your wisdom.**

That is why we gather and worship: **To be formed into the people of God!**

(You are invited to place your 2020 pledge in the basket at the front during the hymn.)

*HYMN NO. 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *SOLID ROCK*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that our lives weaken our witness, Strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should, so we fatigue easily. We see houses as shelters built of brick and wood, not as homes built of love, hope, and dreams. We complain about our friends and families, rather than shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.

You are our hope, Tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts, and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers, bringing them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rather than remaining white hot, God's anger melts into streams of living water, washing us clean of our sins and refreshing our spirits with hope and joy.

This day! This day we give thanks to the God who is our strength and our salvation. Praise God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Glory be to the Father" No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Look at the World" J. Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us: look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Refrain:
Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Refrain:
Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; His is the earth, and His the heavens above.

Refrain:

Kelsey Rorrer, soprano

GATHERING

"Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Dr. Todd Wright

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 21:5-19

SERMON "Faith is ... being tested" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed page 34

*HYMN NO. 701 "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary" (sing 3 X) *SANCTUARY*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision"
Nancy Wallace, piano

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See insert)
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
PRAYER

Kelsey Rorrer is a sixth-grade student at Sissonville Middle School

The Song of Preparation is verse 1 of # 451 in the Glory to God hymnal.

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



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TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "Go with Us, Lord" No. 748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev'ry coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" M. Corl+

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Candy Hawley and Debbie Hanna *Greeters after Worship:* Barbara Tabaretti and Jim Smith

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Sandy Bowels, *liturgist*

COMMUNION SERVERS: Keri Velasco, Sarah Stump, Chuck Stump, Jack Grimm, Patty Skaff, Angela Price

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Kathy Kruk and Patti Salisbury

FLOWERS: The 75 white and green carnations in the sanctuary are given by Steve and Sherry Murray on the anniversary memorializing the deaths of the 1970 Marshall Football Players, Coaches and Community Patrons.

THIS SUNDAY, November 17, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Property Committee)
- + 12:30 PM – Officer Training Gathering #5
- + 7:00 PM – Joint Thanksgiving Service

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, November 18, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi
- + Tuesday, November 19, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, November 20, 11 AM – Bridge; 7 PM – Board of Pensions Event
- + Thursday, November 21, 12 PM – PW Luncheon
- + Friday, November 22, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Service Committee)
- + 12:30 PM – Decorating for Advent

Happy Birthday **Those having a birthday this week:** Sherry Russell (19th), Bob Campbell (21st), Georgie Claire Selleck (23rd), Jack Grimm (23rd). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Jeanne MacDonald; Terri Rader, Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Hallie Kirk; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Leon and Sandy Copeland; Sandy Singleton; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Sherry Russell, Martha Foster

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Kagio-ini Church (Pronounced: Kahg-ee-oh-EE'nay)

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**DEDICATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing. **They will return to join their families for the celebration of communion**

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.



LUKE 19: 1-10 "FAITH IS ... BEING TESTED"

Almost every week we hear of wars and insurrections, famines and plagues and earthquakes. In some parts of the world, people are being arrested for their faith. It is easy to conclude that the world is falling apart.

But Jesus warns his followers to not be led astray, to not despair, to not fear. In fact, in moments such as these, when you are forced to defend your faith, he says he will give you words and wisdom. He says that you are under his protection. He says you won't be sorry; you'll be saved!

In Luke, these words come not long before Jesus is arrested.

For you, does that make them more believable or less so?