

Events & Announcements



Music Ministry Potluck Dinner

October 10, 7:00 pm, Church Lobby

All past, present, and future music ministry participants are invited to a potluck dinner party at the church! For more details, contact Emily Cowgill. Let's party and celebrate music!



Faith Kids Music

Starting October 15, 11:30 am - noon, Sanctuary

Join us after worship on Sundays for Faith Kids Music! Kids will learn music and songs to share with the church and prepare for Christmas! Plan on joining us!



Coat Drive for Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

Bring coats to the church by October 18th

Bring your new or gently used coats for adults (men's M-XL are the greatest need) and teens (size 14 and up) to the church before October 18th! For more info, get in touch with Tina Brake! Thank you!



Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday October 21, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Lobby)

Fall is upon us and with that comes our annual Fall Harvest Festival! We will have fall carnival games, apple cider and of course Trunk-or-Treat! Please look over our sign up sheet and put your name down for your favorite game. We look forward to seeing you there!



Faith by the Numbers: August Finances

Aug Income: \$68,438.77
 Aug Expenses: \$47,909.42
 Net: \$20,529.35

- Aug. is a low expense month for facilities & program
- You increased your pledged giving! Thank you!



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October 8th, 2023

Creating a community where people connect with Christ and Partner with God in making things right.

Gather Our Hearts

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Ric Shewell

*Call to Worship from Psalm 19 † Melissa Bortnick/Heather Young

*Opening Prayer Melissa Bortnick/Heather Young

*Giver of Futures (Walter Brueggemann) †

*10,000 Reasons (Redman, Angrisano) † Music Team

*Breath On Me, Breath of God (UMH #420) † Music Team

Today's Music Team: Emily Cowgill, Robert Brawn, Brian Bauman, Sara Bauman, Harrison Walters, and Dan McLachlan

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People †	Rev. Ric Shewell
The Lord's Prayer †	
<i>Breath On Me, Breath of God (UMH #420) †</i>	Music Team
Children's Time (during 2nd service)	Rev. Ric Shewell
<i>After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.</i>	
Introduction to Offering	Rev. Ric Shewell
<i>Instrumental</i>	Music Team
<i>*Doxology (UMH #94) †</i>	Music Team
*Prayer of Thanksgiving †	Melissa Bortnick/Heather Young

Inspire Our Minds

Genesis 22:1-8 (CEB) †	Melissa Bortnick/Heather Young
"A Testing and Providing God"	Rev. Ric Shewell

Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion	Rev. Ric Shewell
The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †	
Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament	
<i>In Christ Alone (Getty, Townend) †</i>	Music Team
Announcements	Rev. Ric Shewell
*Benediction	Rev. Ric Shewell
<i>*Take to the World (Webb, Tate) †</i>	Music Team

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Message Notes

Ancient Israel: descendants of Abraham's grandson, Jacob/Israel
Judahites: descendants of Judah, one of Jacob's 12 sons
Judeans: post-exile Judahites, under Rome, residents of Judea
Jews: descendants of Judahites, identified by ethnicity & practice

God's Long Term Rescue Project: *to save the cosmos from within the cosmos.*

Abraham was blessed to bless the world.

This is faith, and faith will be _____.

Background:

The God of Israel hates child sacrifice (eg. 2 Kings 16:3, Lev. 20:1-6)
Tradition of first born *belonging* to God.

God tests and God _____.

Abraham's, the Judahites', and our response:

"The one who loves their dream of community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Action Steps:

-Devotion: Pray this breath prayer: I am blessed / to be a blessing.
-Personal: What promises, blessings, or hopes do you need to give to God, in order to fully be present?
-Community: What are your dreams for this church or the UMC? How can you grow in love for the community that it is?

Suggested reading:

About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions (Exploring Christian Faith) by Terence Fretheim
Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now by Walter Brueggemann