

Events & Announcements



Scripture in Many Languages on Pentecost

Sunday, May 28th

On Pentecost Sunday, during the Scripture reading, we're asking everyone to read Acts 2:1-13 aloud in different languages -- all at once! It's going to be a holy and wild noise! We'll have copies of the text in English, Spanish, French, German, etc. If you have a specific language that you would like to read, let us know, and we'll have the text printed for you, too!



Register Now for Help Build Hope!

faithunited.org/missions

This summer, we're building two Habitat for Humanity homes in our parking lot in ONE MORNING! We need all your friends and neighbors to come! Register and learn more at faithunited.org/missions

JUNE 17th, 2023



Faith and Family Day at the Mariners!

August 26th, 1:10 pm vs. KC Royals

Join us as we cheer the Mariners on against the Royals! Tickets are only \$26, and Faith Church will arrange a bus for the first 50 ppl from our church! Reserve your spot at faithunited.org/connections!

Smart Giving Workshop and Q & A

Sunday, June 4th, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Are you utilizing every advantage to make your giving go farther? Join us for a presentation and Q & A with our treasurer Steven Schindler as we discuss everything from wills, life insurance, stocks, and IRA gifts. Valuable information for any age and situation!



Make your 2023-2024 Pledge to Faith Church

It is through your generosity that Faith Church continues to be an effective community of Christ for our neighbors. As you plan your giving for this next fiscal year, help Faith Church plan for its ministries by making a pledge! Pick up a pledge brochure in the lobby or go to faithunited.org/giving



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May 21st, 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 47 †

John King

*Opening Prayer †

John King

*Christ Be All Around Me (Mooring) †

Music Team

Today's Music Team: Dan McLachlan, Greg Rolette, Robert Brawn, and Emily Cowgill

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

Inspire Our Minds

Denice Cronin-Hanson (9:00 am), Jennifer Gannon (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 (CEB) †

**Fairest Lord Jesus (UMH #189) †*

Music Team

2nd Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (CEB) †

Children's Time (during 2nd service)

Abby Kleinknecht

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.

"It's Beautiful that Jesus Goes Away"

Rev. Ric Shewell

Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People †

The Lord's Prayer †

Rev. Ric Shewell

Introduction to Offering

Instrumental †

John King

Music Team

**Doxology (UMH #94) †*

Music Team

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

John King

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Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Ric Shewell

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †

Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament

What a Beautiful Name (Fielding, Ligertwood) †

Music Team

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*Benediction

Rev. Ric Shewell

**Take to the World (Webb/Tate) †*

Music Team

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Message Notes:

Ascension Sunday is one of the 5 big Christian holidays!
Christmas > Good Friday > Easter > Ascension > Pentecost.

We are left with 2 questions:

_____ is Jesus now?

_____ did he go?

Heaven, in the Bible, is not a future destiny but the other, hidden, dimension of our ordinary life — God's dimension, if you like...The one who is in heaven can be present simultaneously anywhere and everywhere on earth... Heaven is, as it were, the control room for earth.

(N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church, 2008)

In Christmas, God enters humanity.

In the Ascension, humanity is taken into God.

One who knows us, the Resurrected Victim, is at the helm of the universe, and is available in every place.

Continue the conversation:

- How did the sermon challenge and/or affirm your ideas of heaven?
- Where and when is it easier for you to recognize Jesus's presence?
- How is "God as Empathizer" different from other depictions of God?