

Events & Announcements



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OF THE NATIONS®

Mission Trip to Dominican Republic Information Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 pm, online

Is God calling you to go? Join us for an informational meeting with one of our mission partners: Children of the Nations, as we learn about the possibilities of sending a team to serve in the Dominican Republic. Contact Dick Gram for more information.



Serve at VBS!

Monday–Friday, August 14–18, half-day

Our Vacation Bible School is set to make heroes! This year, we're expecting another huge crowd, and we need your help! Opportunities to serve and donate are posted in the Lobby. Contact abby@faithunited.org for more ways to serve!



Family Bonfire

Friday, July 21, 7:00 pm

Families of all ages are invited to a bonfire with s'mores, outdoor games and snacks! The playground will be available for littles, we will have lots of outdoor games and good conversations. Don't forget your s'mores stick!



Faith Youth Mini Golf!

Sunday, July 30, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Rising middle school and high school youth are invited to go mini golfing! We will be going to Willow's Run Golf Course in Redmond. Kids 12 and under are \$9 and kids over 12 are \$13. Invite your friends! Let Abby know if your child is coming!

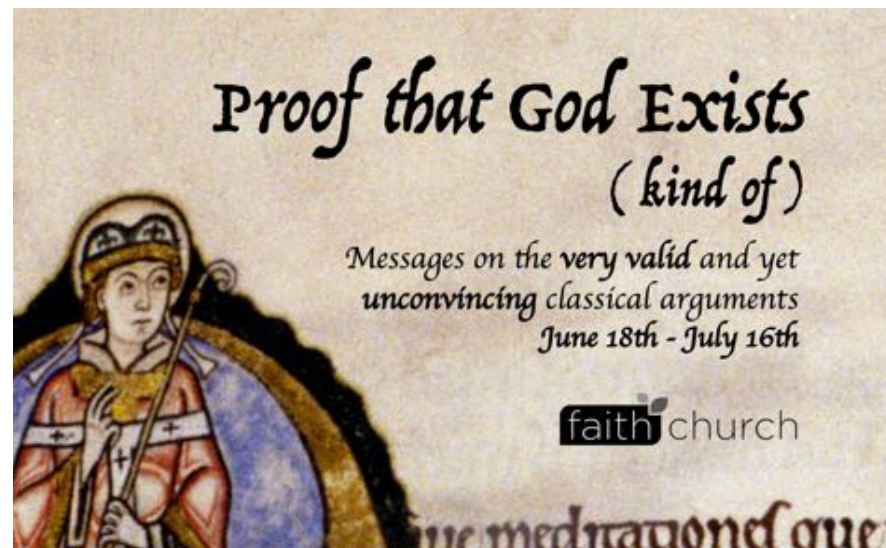


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July 9th, 2023

*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 46 †	Geoff Joosten
*Opening Prayer:	
*Give us, O Lord, Steadfast Hearts (Thomas Aquinas) †	Geoff Joosten
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH #139) †	Music Team

Today's Music Team: Dan McLachlan, Tina Brake, Robert Brawn, Steven Hennings, Brian Bauman, Harrison Walters, Greg Rolette, and Emily Cowgill

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

Inspire Our Minds

Readers: Jennifer Cripe (9 am), Ted Gladhill (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: Psalm 8(CEB) †

God of Wonders (Hindalong, Byrd) †

Music Team

2nd Reading: Proverbs 8:22-36 (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.

"The Mysteries of Order and Morality"

Rev. Ric Shewell

Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People †

The Lord's Prayer †

Rev. Ric Shewell

Introduction to Offering

Instrumental

**Doxology (UMH #94) †*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Geoff Joosten

Music Team

Music Team

Geoff Joosten

Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †

Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament

Oceans (Houston, Crocker, Lighthelm)

Rev. Ric Shewell

Music Team

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*Benediction

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**Take to the World (Webb/Tate) †*

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Message Notes

Tomato plant analogy:

Faith

is the Tomato Plant: the living thing in us that trusts and is grateful.

Attitude

is the Soil: + / - feelings shaped by emotions, behaviors, and education.

Spiritual Experiences

are Light and Water: specific revelations and connections with God.

Spiritual Technologies

are Watering Cans: art, music, and Scripture.

Philosophy, Theology, and Beliefs

are the Tomato Cages: ideas that support our faith.

The "Teleological Argument" argues that it is _____ to assume that an object with complexity and purpose has a Creator to give it such.

"When we come to inspect the watch... the inference we think is inevitable, that the watch must have had a maker." - William Paley, *Natural Theology*, 1802.

The "Moral Argument" suggests that morality is duty to overall well-being (summum bonum) over and against personal advantages.

"The *summum bonum* is possible in the world only on the supposition of a Supreme Being." - Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, 1788.

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust?" - C.S. Lewis, *The Humanitarian Theory of Punishment*, 1949.

Tomato cages need to be _____ from time to time.

Continue the conversation:

- What arguments for God's existence resonate with you?
- How can one be resolute in *faith* and flexible in thinking?
- In the over arching analogy, what do you think *the fruit* is?