

## Events & Announcements



### 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](mailto: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!

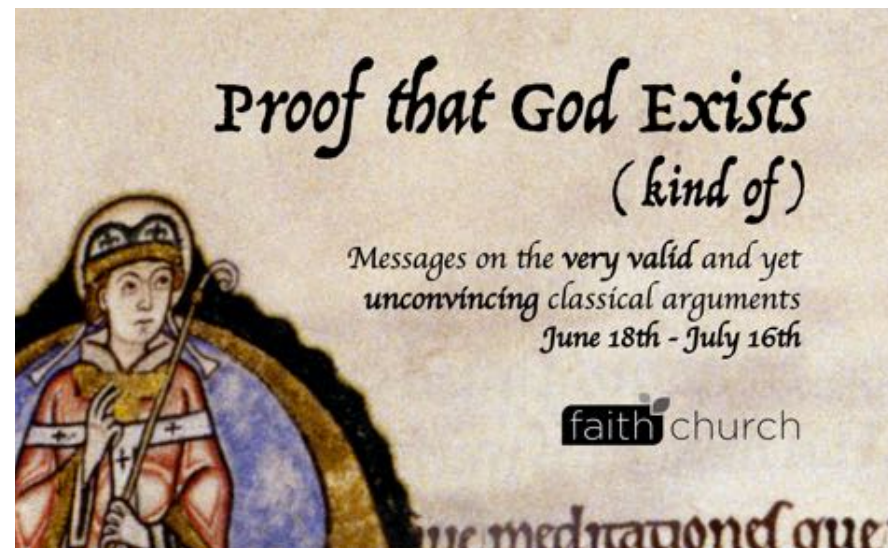


### Faith by the Numbers

The church, like any family, is an economic body. It is by your giving that we are an effective community of Christ for our world! This is where our pledge count stands:

	# of pledges	avg pledge	total
2022-23	67	\$5,852	\$392,088
2023-24	54	\$6,574	\$355,000

We are still expecting pledges to come in! If you have not turned in a pledge yet, you can do so at [faithunited.org/giving](http://faithunited.org/giving), or pick up a brochure in the lobby! Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!



July 16th, 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 119 †

John King / Lynda Smith

\*Opening Prayer:

John King / Lynda Smith

\**Let Us Not Forget (Soren Kierkegaard)* †

\**Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love (UMH #422)* †

Music Team

Today's Music Team: Dan McLachlan, Sara Bauman, Steve Hennings, and Harrison Walters

\* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

## Inspire Our Minds

Readers: Dan Reitz (9 am), Heather Young (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: Mark 4:1-9 (CEB) †

*Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (UMH #601) †* Music Team

2nd Reading: John 1:1-18 (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.*

"My Archimedean Point" Rev. Ric Shewell

## Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People † Rev. Ric Shewell

The Lord's Prayer †

Introduction to Offering John King / Lynda Smith

*Nearer My God to Thee (Mason, Adams)* Women's Ensemble

\**Doxology (UMH #94) †* Music Team

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving John King / Lynda Smith

## Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion Rev. Ric Shewell

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †

Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament

*Cornerstone (Mote, Liljero) †* Music Team

Announcements Rev. Ric Shewell

\*Benediction Rev. Ric Shewell

\**Take to the World (Webb/Tate) †* Music Team

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## Message Notes

"Give me a place to stand, and I shall move the earth."  
- Archimedes, 287-212 bce

I believe in God because of \_\_\_\_\_!

"No one has ever seen God. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made God known." - John 1:18

*The historical argument for the resurrection of Jesus:*

1. The earliest Christians believed in the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

*Side note, the resurrection stories are strange:*  
- not religiously necessary  
- unprecedented resurrection (transformational)  
- prominence of women  
- no interpretation to believers' future fates.

2. The **empty tomb** and the **appearances** are \_\_\_\_\_ and sufficient conditions of this belief.

3. The simplest explanation for the rise of this belief is the bodily resurrection of Jesus, to the shock of both ancient and modern sensibilities.

Alternative explanations:

- "Cognitive Dissonance"
  - assumes early Christians desired resurrection
  - does not account for empty tomb
- "Experience of Faith"
  - does not explain the origin of the experience
  - assumes an anachronistic view of body/soul
  - assumes the story was later developed

*For early Christians, the resurrection of Jesus reinterpreted everything: nationalism, messiah, heaven, hope, and even God.*

Continue the conversation:

- What information stirred you, today?
- How can we be *christocentric* and listen to how God is working through other peoples, traditions, and faiths?
- What ideas, for you, need to be reinterpreted through the resurrection?