

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday
after Pentecost
October 14, 2018

I Love to Tell the Story!

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Brandon Banks
Guest Organist

*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Alice Bonn

Come, God welcomes us.

God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.

Our days of wandering are at an end.

God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.

Hungry and thirsty, we cry out in deep despair.

God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.

As in the waters of our baptism, we cross over the Jordan.

God leads the way and makes our footsteps sure.

*Hymn No. 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Call to Confession

Aiden Van Iddekinge

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,

Forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing.

(silent reflection)

Merciful God,

Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, and our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to You. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Aiden Van Iddekinge

*Gloria Patri

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.

*The Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Anthem

Cherub Choir

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

(After the baptism, parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment.

Please sign in your children with the nursery staff there.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Collins Montgomery Cook

Choral Response:

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17 (*pew Bible p. 784*)

Brad Clayton

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon

I Love to Tell the Story: An Unlikely Hero

Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Offering

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Alice Bonn

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology

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

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Trinity Whitley

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Trinity Whitley

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Sending Out Into the World

*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response

Amen

Hymnal p. 601

Postlude

Brandon Banks

The sanctuary flowers are in memory of Betsy Bee, given by her family.

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

#FaithDropTally. During the month of October we encourage you to participate in #faithdroptally by following the handle on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram. Stop by one of our locations (UKirk, Pumpkin Patch, Lake Ella, The Meadows, Cascade Park). Tell your story. Inspire others.

Pumpkin Patch. It's not too late to sign up for a shift or two in the Patch. You can sign up online at faithpcusa.org/pumpkins or on the bulletin board near the elevator. The Patch is open Sundays 12 noon—8 p.m., Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m.—8 p.m., Fridays 9:30—9 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Little Women. You still have a chance to see *Little Women*, today at 4 p.m. Tickets are available online only at faithpcusa.org/littlewomen.

Wednesday Night Alive. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (sloppy joes with buns, french fries, coleslaw, smores bars) followed by programs for all ages. Join us!

Faith Formation. This week's topic is a Discussion on Amendment 4 with John Hendrick, Public Defender, and Christie Utt, Former Clemency Attorney and Former Prosecutor. The restoration of felon's voting rights is on the ballot as an amendment in the November election. Why is this making national news? What is the current policy in place? What would it do if Amendment 4 were passed? Our speakers will address these and other related issues in preparation for the November vote. We have solicited speakers who represent both support and opposition to the amendment to allow us to be informed voters as we seek to faithfully follow Christ into the world.

Men's Breakfast is this Friday, **October 19**, 7 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Join other men for a light breakfast and good fellowship.

Spooky Movies in the Patch. This week's movies: *Donald Duck* and *Beauty and the Beast*, begin at 7 p.m. on Friday. Food trucks (*Street Chefs* and *SnoTime Shaved Ice*) arrive around 6:15.

Single Again Group will meet Sunday, **October 21**, 6-7:30 p.m., in the Small Conference Room. Single Again's monthly meeting will feature a presentation/discussion on "Fall Gardening" by Bob McCully. Please join us and bring a friend for fellowship and refreshments. For more information, please contact Ruth Bedell, rbedell@rocketmail.com. The Single Again Group will also be kayaking together in October (date TBA). If you are interested, please contact Ruth. All singles are welcome, and bring your friends!

Stewardship Month. October is stewardship month at Faith; this year's theme is *I Love to Tell the Story*. Pledge cards for 2019 will be mailed out this week. Commitment Sunday is **October 28**; please bring your completed pledge cards with you to worship then.

Jubilee Sunday is **October 28**. Join us after Commitment Sunday worship for our Jubilee Luncheon, complete with bounce houses, cupcake walk, face painting and more. Please plan to bring enough food to share with our guests according to the first letter of your last name: A-D dessert, E-K side dish, L-O main dish, P-Z salad. Drop off your dish in Fellowship Hall before worship, where it can be kept cool or warm until lunch.

Trunk or Treat. With the pumpkins comes fun for little ones in the form of Trunk or Treat! This year's Trunk or Treat is Friday, **October 26**, 5:30 - 7 p.m. We need LOTS of candy donations as well as people to volunteer to host a trunk, help direct parking and more! Feel free to drop off candy in the bins around the church any time prior to **October 26**. Please sign up at faithpcusa.org/pumpkins to host a trunk, help with games or food, etc.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$966,722

Received YTD: \$913,232

Spent YTD: \$889,690



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