

***Benediction**

“May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you, the word of the Lord lives within you, and the glory of the Lord shine around you, this day and always. **Alleluia**

Closing Hymn

670 - Go Forth for God

Postlude



Order of Worship for Sunday, September 26, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

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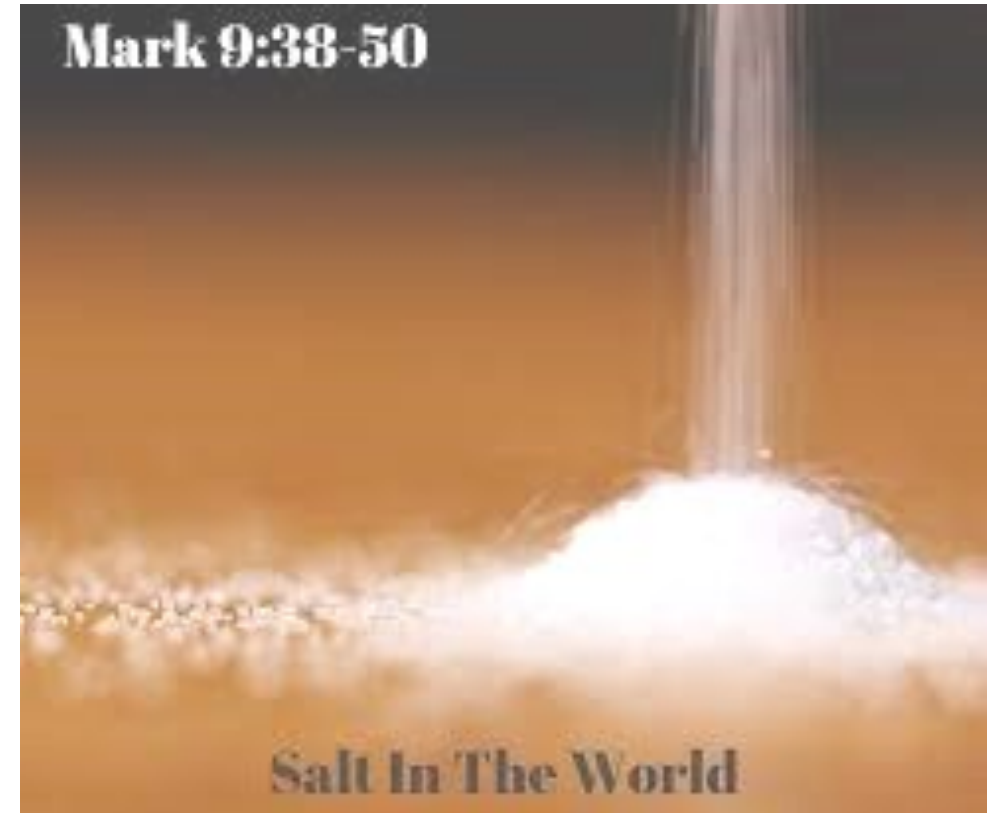
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Faith United Methodist Church

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Welcome & Announcements

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Save the date: Saturday, Oct. 9th, 10:00am-12:30pm [

Drafting of our Mission Statement].

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Prelude

*Call to Worship

based on Num. 11: 16-29

Upon this gathering of your people.

pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

Be near to us and speak to us,

and we will proclaim your glory.

*Opening Prayer

God of unquenchable fire and overflowing grace, cast out the demons that oppress us; take away the things that make us stumble. Lead us into your realm of life and season us with your peace, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Message For All Ages

Ferne Garceau

First Reading

James 5: 13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters,^[a] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's^[b] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Hymn

126 - Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9: 38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone^[a] casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me,^[b] it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,^[c] to the unquenchable fire. ^[d] ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.^[e] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,^[f] ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ "For everyone will be salted with fire.^[g] ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? ^[h] Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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Sermon

Solidarity with God and each other

Pastor Wanda

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Through loving deeds and generous acts, we become a blessing to others and give honor to Christ's name. What greater reward could we ask than to share in God's saving work?"

"Your gift of life, O God, is more precious than gold and sweeter than honey to our lips. Take these gifts of our lives: refine and purify them and let them be for the world a sign of your goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**"

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer ...

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER LIST

Please hold these names in your prayers this week.

Cheryl Boucher & Family	Austin Campbell	Lorraine Chavez
Barbara & Al Tobey	Connie Harris	Janet Valley's sister
Dan	Steven Harris	Lynn – friend of Sondra
Joanne & Peter Milloy	Ryan & Maloah McCarron	Bill for prostate cancer
Dottie Squires	Ken & Sue Holmes	JR Bedat
Homer III's family	Arlie & Sylvia Burns	Those who need comfort from: Flooding, Fires, Hurricanes
Chris Orwat	Pam Barrett	Our Country's leaders
Tim O'Donnell	Nancy Woods	Stan Kruszyna – Arbors, Chicopee
Kathy Washburn	Pastor Wanda's cousin-Rosemary	Mary Buss – Home
Bev Pead's husband	Stephen DeSilva	Eunice Bock – Home
Artur Pawlowski	Helen	
Terri Herr	Roberta Green	
Rev. Megan Stowe	Oscar	
Greg	Valerie	
Tracey	Lisi	
Peter & Joanne Milloy		

All those affected by disasters, both natural and man-made, throughout our world, the hungry and the homeless, those in pain, our leaders in government, that they will protect the least of these, and peace throughout the world.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: **Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru**



School Supplies for Fairview Veteran's Elementary School

Notebooks

Pencils

Crayons

Folders

Backpacks

Washable markers

Glue sticks

Pencil Boxes/Cases

Facial Tissues (individual packs)

**** If you have already donated...thank you very much, Fairview was very appreciative!! If you haven't yet, there is still time. We will be collecting through the end of September**

Rulers

Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Erasers

Pencil Sharpeners

Hand Sanitizers

Facial Tissue Boxes

Anti-Bacterial Wipes

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

- 1. Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.**
- 2. The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.**
- 3. Thus, all my toil some way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.**
- 4. Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory.**

Go Forth for God

- 1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace, in God's good spirit daily to increase, till in the kingdom we see face to face.**
- 2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love, strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.**
- 3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the good, be urgent for the right; render to no one evil; Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.**
- 4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's people everyday and hour, and serving Christ, our every gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.**

Can You Help?

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