



# Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road

Baltimore, MD 21214

Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Judy Slide

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Let all who would seek the peace of Christ come before the Lord.

**Only as we walk and talk with the Lord will we receive God's peace.**

For as we do that which is evil or live as we should not,

**The Lord will not be with us nor God's peace in our hearts.**

Then let us worship the Lord by truly living the Christian life.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH #352 "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

**PRAYER FOR FAITH:**

**O God, You have offered us the great blessing of Your peace that passes all understanding if we will but accept Your offer of mercy and grace in Christ. Give us peace, Lord! In Christ we pray. Amen.**

*[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others.]*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! AMEN.**

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** UMH p. 6

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Exodus 32:1-14

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Acts 8:14-25

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 22:1-14

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH #339 "Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING**

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *O God, we know what gifts we have presented this day for the work of your Church. Help us also to recognize the talents you have given us so that we may dedicate them also to the work of your kingdom. Amen.*

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

\*CLOSING HYMN: "God Is Good, All the Time [Worship & Song #3026]

Refrain: God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good all the time.

1. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
2. When there's love to be found all around, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
3. As our thanks and our praise now we raise, God is good, God is good all the time.

**Thought for your journey:** *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord."*

Psalms 40:4

**I will wait patiently for the Lord to answer my prayer.**

**Scripture Lessons for October 18, 2026**

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 22:15-22

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**Calendar:**

- October 25, 10:00 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School Pumpkin Patch of Love. Children and families welcomed; bring a friend!
- October 31, 5p – 8p – Trunk or Treat! Trunks and volunteers are needed. See Wanda Mitchell for details.

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