

# Faith

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

408 West Twenty-third Street  
Austin, Texas 78705

SUNDAY WITH BARBARA REYNOLDS, BHM

August 9, 1998

**OUR CHURCH'S VISION:**

*We are a people, United in Christ  
Singing God's praises, Seeking God's ways,  
Serving God's world and Sharing life's journey.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(New Century Hymnal today)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*"Prelude"* Moderato

Veracini

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Kathleen Hawes-Domingue

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 403

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

\*INVOCATION (Unison)

Dear God, we do not know how our lives will turn out. We can't predict what paths our lives will take. We know that the future promises many experiences of which we are uncertain. We want to live lives that make a difference in the world. We want to be people who take our place in history as those who have cared and those who have contributed. Help us to see our lives in the light of your call to faithfulness. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI, NO. 513 (Pilgrim Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Kay Lewis

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Paul Deisler

\*\*\*Younger children may exit. Child care is provided.

PARISH NOTES

IN TODAY'S SERVICE: Our heartfelt thanks to guest, Barbara Reynolds of BHM, and to Tino and Alie Herrera, Ushers, Lillie Webb, Lisa Kirch, and Catherine Hubbs, Hosts, Fellowship Hour.

### CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

TODAY, SUNDAY, August 9, 1998

10:00 am Summer Lite Church School

11:00 am Worship Service for all ages

NOON Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Room.

12:20 pm Members of the Board of Trustees and the ROC, Relocation Oversight Committee, are urged to attend a SACK LUNCH MEETING with Barbara in the Conference Room, 2nd floor.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

7:20 pm Training Workshop for "Angels", Fellowship Room

8:00 pm Board of Deacons Meeting follows

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 pm ROC, Relocation Oversight Committee, Fellowship Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 pm Vision/Mission Committee Meeting, Fellowship Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 am We are invited to attend Graduation Ceremony of Kristin Galle at St. Edwards University. Join us.

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### NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 16 - OUR ANGELS SUNDAY

10:00 am Summer Lite Church School

11:00 am Worship Service for all ages.

Sermon: "*The Cloud of Witnesses*" -Rev. Kaneda  
Commissioning Service for our "Angels"

NOON Fellowship Hour, Fellowship Room.

12:20 pm PREVIEW OF "*THE DIVINE DRAMA*" (20 minutes), in the Sanctuary. Kay and Yoshi will give a quick preview of the coming Adult Bible Study. Join in !!!

CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TALENTS: THANKS !

Scripture Readers; Time With Children, Fellowship Hour Hosts. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Room, for a date of your choice.

CAN YOU HELP? We continue to collect fans (or cash donation) for ELDERCARE.. Call Joe or Marylu Mills (218-1461), if need to pick up.

## SOMETHING SPECIAL - ATTENTION, PLEASE?

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Board of Deacons has inaugurated a new ministry, "Prayer-Grams." (Please note the yellow cards in back of the pews.) Simply jot down your prayer and sign your name. Write the person's full name on the face of the card, place in offering plates, or leave in office. Louise will stamp and mail.

### COMING :

August 18, Tuesday, 7:30 pm - Site Selection/Building Program Committee meeting, to interview an architect

August 19, Wednesday, 7:30 pm - Men's Book Club

August 20, Thursday, 7:30 pm - Women's Group

September 1, Tuesday - Registration DEADLINE: "The Divine Drama"

\*\*\*If you have any questions or comments about this class, please let Kay or Yoshi know. Thanks..

### CHURCH STAFF NOTICES

- 1) The Pastor enjoys your calls and visits. Call the church office ( 472-2370), or his home (892-2837) for appointment, or drop by.
- 2) The Administrative Associate's office hours: 9 am to 1 pm, weekdays.

FROM AMM: 1) Volunteers needed to transport homeless people to health clinic, Wednesdays, 7:30 am to 10 am, making a real difference in their lives. (472-4934) 2) Planning a Wedding? "Here Comes the Bride '98, AMM fund-raiser, Aug. 30, 12:30 - 4:30 pm, Phoenix Ballroom Doubletree Hotel, Austin, 6505 N. IH-35. Admission \$8.00 donation at door. (472-7627)

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Active Members, Ministers  
Rev. Yoshikuni Kaneda, Pastor  
Mrs. Kay Lewis, Youth Minister  
Rev. John Towery, Pastor Emeritus  
Dr. Nodie Murphy and Mrs. Norma Hawes  
Music Program Coordinators  
Mrs. Florence Castle, Pianist  
Ms. Felicia Day, Violinist  
Ms. Erin Walsdorf, Cellist  
Mrs. Susan Ashton, Church School Superintendent  
Mrs. Louise M. Whitworth, Administrative Associate

GREETINGS FROM BHM

Barbara Reynolds

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY IN PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Piano Response

HYMN, NO. 418     *"My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff"*

SERMON                     "Faith Is. . ."

Rev. Kaneda

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY                 *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

Koschat

\*ACT OF DEDICATION - DOXOLOGY, No. 515 (Pilgrim Hymnal)

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT, NO. 311     *"Renew Your Church"*

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING     (In Response)

Enter your everyday world dressed for action. Let your lamps of faith light up the world.

We are ready to meet God at home and at work.

We are ready to serve wherever we are.

God, whose Word prepared vast worlds beyond our knowing, welcomes us as covenant partners in this world.

Direct our steps, O God, and we will obey. We respond to your promises in faith and trust.

Work for justice and peace where you live. Let your prayers embrace those in need.

God is our assurance and our peace. God is the light along our way.

Amen. AMEN.

\*POSTLUDE

\*All who are able, please stand.

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP! Please wear a name tag so that we might get better acquainted. We invite visitors to sign the guest book, or the WELCOME card from the pew, placing it in the offering plate. Join us for a fellowship time after the service, in the room adjacent to the Chapel.

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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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August 9, 1998

Hebrews 11:1

### FAITH

There are many ways that God's people respond to God's call — uncertain of the outcome, but certain in their faith. Take, for example, the typical (if there is such a thing) seminarian at one of the seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ. With an average age of around 39, he, or more likely she, returns to school after many years out of the classroom — spent either raising a family or pursuing a secular career.

Daunting, challenging, exciting, overwhelming — these are some of the words first-year seminarians use to describe the experience of responding to God's call. We, the people in the pews, see the final results of an educational experience unlike any other — one that forces students to face their insecurities, unpack their baggage, and stretch their minds — often to the point of sheer exhaustion.

No one chooses to enter the ministry lightly. No one becomes a pastor for the financial rewards. Ask your pastor sometime about his or her seminary experience — and consider the many ways in which he or she is making a difference in the lives of so many others. Support our UCC seminaries!

*"Faith is the bird that lifts its voice in song while it is yet dark, knowing that the dawn is coming."*

--Japanese proverb

*"I had grasped God's garment in the void, but my hand slipped on the rich silk of it. The everlasting arms my sister loved to remember must have upheld my leaden weight from falling, even so, for though I claw at empty air and feel nothing, no embrace, I have not plummeted."*

--Denise Levertov, *The Catholic Worker*, 9/91

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