

January Prayer for Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United 2021 Scripture: Romans 12:11, RSV – *“Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord.”*

Faith United 2021 Star Word: *Yeoubi*, a Korean word meaning sun shower.

Acrostic formed from Faith United’s Core Values: Aglow

Authenticity

Growth

Lay empowerment

Outreach

Worship & Welcome

Faith United 65th Anniversary Prayer written by Barb Rich



Gracious God, it is with thanks we give to you as Faith United celebrates 65 years of being the body of Christ - learning, growing, leading, living, sharing, shining and loving. It is with a sense of gratitude we recognize the sacrifices made by those who have gone before us continuing our faith journey worshiping and serving our community and the world.

We praise you, O God, for the privilege to be the body of Christ. By your grace may this congregation and building continue to be a place of worship, prayer, fellowship, community and of service. May we be faithful, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus bringing the light of Christ to this our world. We are grateful we are all One in Christ and that your Holy Spirit will continue to knit us together in the bonds of unity and love.

God we pray for your Light to shine in the darkened lives of the members of our congregation, our community and throughout the world as we experience the struggles of life: sorrow, illness, weariness, anxiety, grief, depression, hunger, poverty, conflict, injustice, discrimination, and oppression. We pray for each to find the promises of: joy, healing, rest, wellness, rebirth, renewal, hope, peace, freedom and love only you can offer. For this we are forever blessed. May these periods of ‘rain’ be a time of reflection and an opportunity to move through the emotions which come with our afflictions purifying, cleansing and bringing balance, harmony and wholeness to ourselves and our space(s) to reclaim it as holy ground.

God, show us the opportunities to be beacons of light, sunbeams, in our chaotic world. Continue to equip us, individually and corporately, with the wisdom, talents and gifts so that we may be used to your praise and glory. We pray you will deepen our desires to be a congregation that sees by faith the needs of those around us providing refreshment and strength and love through our love for you and all you created. May our spirits be aglow with the compassion and love of Jesus Christ as we serve with enthusiasm making mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grant to us by the power of the Holy Spirit we, who serve you here at Faith United, be kept always in your presence and may the blessings of God’s light shine upon us all, light without and light within. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all this day and forever. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



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