

### **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

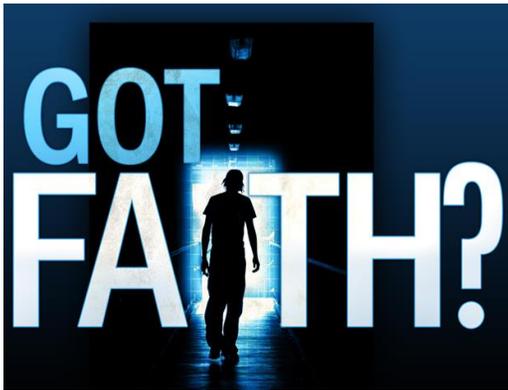
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Living life the JESUS way  
**LIVING  
STRONG!**

### **CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2017

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**PRELUDE  
AND  
CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

**PEOPLE: We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

Leader: We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

**PEOPLE: We believe in God's resurrection created world, Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

Leader: We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,

**PEOPLE: We believe in God.**

**Leader: We believe God will hear us as we pray together:**

**ALL: Living God, give us faith to be sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see; to believe that you are, and that you reward those who truly seek you: that may we please you and receive what you have promised; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN:** *"Faith of Our Fathers"* #710 UMH

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*  
#2193 TFWS

**OFFERING**

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

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING-** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**\*HYMN –** *"In His Time"* #2203 TFWS

**SERMON – ""**

**\*HYMN –** *"We Walk by Faith"* #2196 vs 1-4 TFWS

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE-** *"Shout to the Lord"* #2074 TFWS

**PASSING THE PEACE**

*Faith*  
*makes all things Possible*  
*not Easy*

Hymns can be found in the TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* and  
UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

\*Please stand as you are able.

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*