

Faith: the Stuff we're made of!
Pentecost 11 C/ Church Picnic

(These following three answer what faith is.)

Faith: has Assurance (firm belief, not Insurance)

Faith: has Hope (the not yet, future, expectation)

Faith: has Conviction (convinced of what is despite our senses).
Saturn 5 rocket vs Gravity.

(These next three answer what faith gives us.)

Faith: gives Approval

Faith: gives Understanding (Insight without Science – by which the ancients saw Invisible from the Visible - Aristotle)

Faith: gives direction (even when we don't know where we're going).
Abraham – set out, stayed put, looked forward, received power to start a new people.

(Faith holds on to God's Promise)

Faith: remains true though the holder may not live to see the promise (a stone church, 300 visitors to a Prayer Garden – who would have thought?, a life raised from the ruin of addiction, depression, etc.)

Faith: sees from a distance and welcomes the future. It confesses/realizes that we are strangers on this earth – we belong to a kingdom not of this world.

Faith: seeks a better home. It knows there has to be a better place than one where there is disease, hunger, global warming, war and death.

Faith is the Stuff that God seeks in his children and the only proof we are his. Faith is the stuff we are made of! Amen.