

## January 31, 2021

\*\* (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Majesty" Jack W. Hayford/Lyndell Leatherman

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Ben Webster

\*\* Call to Worship

L: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.  
God's righteousness endures forever.

**P: We come together as a congregation of believers.  
We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

L: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy.  
At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

**P: The works of God's hands are established among us.  
We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.**

L: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.  
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**P: Holy and awesome is God's name.  
We call on God to empower our worship.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH#61

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witness to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak without discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. Amen.**

Prayer Chorus "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH#349

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

Ministry of Music "The Prayer" Michelle Kenney, vocal solo

Gospel Lesson Matthew 14: 22-33

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Tales I Was Told: Peter Walking on Water" Pastor Ben Webster

\*\* Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH#374

\*\* Sending Forth

\*\* Postlude "There's Something About That Name" William J. Gaither



*Altar Flowers are given by Rick and Joyce Smith  
to the Glory of God*

# February

Monday 1	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B or Zoom
Tuesday 2	Directory Pick Up	12:00 pm	Narthex
	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A, B, C, 16 A
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 6
	Directory Pick Up	6:30 pm	Narthex
	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library or Zoom
Wednesday 3	DEADLINE FOR 2/7/21 BULLETIN		
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Thursday 4	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 5	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7	Directory Pick Up	8:30 am	Narthex
	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A Parlor, Library
	Directory Pick Up	10:30 pm	FCC
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC

## Sunday School Studies

**Explorers** meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle study of **"Images of the Spirit."**

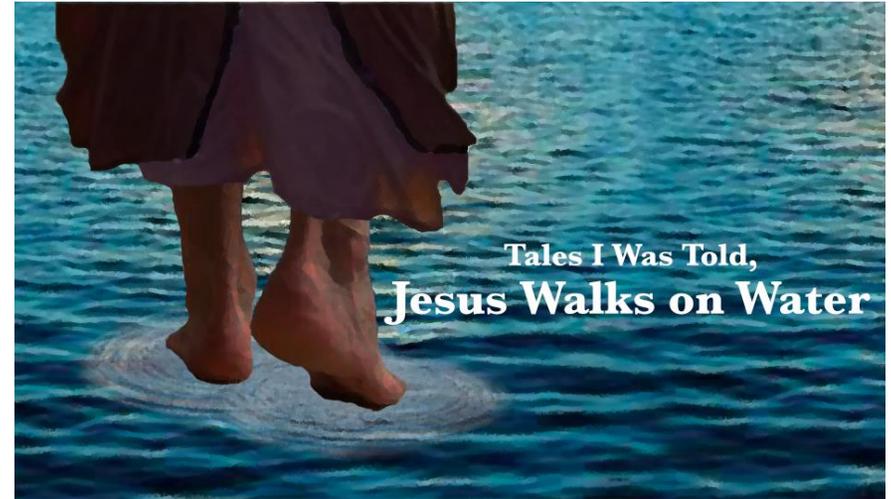
**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."**

**Open Doors** meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study **"Yes, Lord I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses" by James Moore.**

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

**Grades 6-12** will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

**Preschool – Grade 5** Join the children in Rm 12 under the leadership of Karen Mossing, and Kylie Fleming for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



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## Worship Team

Pastor

Pastor Ben Webster

Ushers

Gerald Mahan, Bill Turner,  
Chad Mossing, Rick Smith

Liturgist

Sandy Pramer

Acolytes

Micah Fleming & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

# Scripture Lesson – Matthew 14: 22-33

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