

February 21, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "I Would Be True"

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control, that we may live in the Spirit

P: and be mindful of all that Jesus suffered and sacrificed for our sakes.

L: Help us so to keep the fast that you have chosen,

P: that we may loose the bonds of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free.

L: It is to this end that we offer our worship

A: through the grace of Christ Jesus our crucified and risen Savior.

**Opening Hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
(v. 1-4) UMH#269

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of love, in whose name we have been consecrated for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and actions. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope and love. Expand our horizons to encompass ideas we have not entertained before. Open our hearts to people we have failed to welcome into our midst. Perfect among us that childlike trust that allows change to transform us in the presence of your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"
(v. 1-4) UMH#500

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 "Learning to Lean" by John Stallings
Wayne Cook, vocal solo and Gene Foiles, piano

**Gospel Lesson Luke 4:16-30

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 2" Rev. Andy Wagner

** Closing Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" UMH#514

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "Yield Not to Temptation"



Altar Flowers are given by Jim Osburn to honor his wife, Joyce on her birthday and in memory of his sister, Betsy.

February

Monday 22	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 23	Directory Pick Up Mission Outreach Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball Directory Pick Up	12:00 pm 3:30 pm 3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Narthex Rm 8 FCC FCC Narthex
Wednesday 24	DEADLINE FOR Directory Pick Up Praise Band Practice	2/28/21 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	BULLETIN Narthex FCC
Thursday 25	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Christian Education	11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC Library
Friday 26	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball	3:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC
Saturday 27	Double I	5:00 pm	Rm 15A & Kitchen
Sunday 28	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sanctuary Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library 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 "Feeling Secure in a Troubled World" by Charles Stanley

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

Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Julie Wickline.

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

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Acolytes

Micah Fleming & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – Luke 4:16-30

The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

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Next Sermon – Sunday, February 28

"The Testing of Jesus, Part 3"
Gospel Lesson

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Luke 6: 1-11

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Alice Adkins: Address & Phone 112 Long Bay Urbana, OH 43078-2286
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