

February 28, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"
William Moore / Melody Bober

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: This is a holy day set aside for worshiping God.

Draw near to meditate and pray, as God commands.

P: We are freed from our labors for this time of praise.

Let us bring our songs of joy and thankfulness.

L: Listen, and hear the voice of God.

Give up your burdens to the One who cares about you.

P: We are not slaves to any earthly power.

We are willing servants of the Most High.

L: We sing aloud to God, our strength and salvation.

A: Our hearts and voices join in a chorus of praise.

**Opening Hymn "Lord of the Dance" UMH#261

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of our sabbath times, from whose presence we can never hide and whose purposes are always beyond our understanding, teach us to use our sabbath times in ways that are pleasing to you and helpful to others. May we be instruments of healing, not instigators of division. Make us bearers of life-giving good news, not purveyors of death. Fill us with hope that we may share with the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH#496

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 Michelle Kenney & Melissa Vietor, vocal duet

**Gospel Lesson Luke 6: 1-11

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 3" Rev. Andy Wagner

** Closing Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH#419

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "The Little Brown Church in the Vale" William S. Pitts



*Altar Flowers are given by Don & Ann Wolf
in memory of their parents.*

March

Monday 1	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts Stephen Ministry (may be zoom)	6:10 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C Rm 16 A-B
Tuesday 2	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball Girl Scouts Trustees SPRC (may be zoom)	3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FCC 15 A, B, C, 16 A-B Rm 6 Library
Wednesday 3	DEADLINE FOR Praise Band Practice	3/7/21 7:00 pm	BULLETIN FCC
Thursday 4	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC
Friday 5	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7	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 "On the Road Again – A Faith Journey" by James W. Moore.

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.

The Testing of Jesus, Part 3



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Worship Team

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Liturgist

Julie Wickline

Acolytes

Micah Fleming and Will Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – Luke 6: 1-11

The Question about the Sabbath

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The Man with a Withered Hand

⁶ On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. ⁸ Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” ¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Next Sermon – Sunday, March 7

“The Testing of Jesus, Part 4”
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
Luke 10: 25-37

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Sub sale – freshly made subs come with ham, salami, bologna, cheese, onions, banana peppers and pizza sauce on a 6" bun, cost \$4. All orders and money must be in by Friday, March 5 with pickup Friday March 12 from noon – 1 PM.

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