

February 7, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel L. Schutte/Rick Parks

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies!

P: Your righteousness is like the mountains, your wisdom as deep as the sea!

L: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

P: All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

A: Come, let us worship God.

**Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH#103

Opening Prayer (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your unending presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us life. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 139 UMH#854-855

Prayer Hymn "Depth of Mercy" UMH#355

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 "Close to Thee" by Silas J. Vail/Ovid Young
John Sherer and Gene Foiles, vocal duet

Scripture Lesson Jonah 2: 1-10

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Tales I Was Told: Jonah and the Whale" Rev. Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

** Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH#369

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "Trust and Obey" Daniel B. Towner



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

February

Monday 8	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 9	Directory Pick Up	12:00 pm	Narthex
	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scout Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A
	Directory Pick Up	6:30 pm	Narthex
Wednesday 10	DEADLINE FOR 2/14/21 BULLETIN		
	Girl Scouts Cookie Mtg	11:30 am	Rm 15 C
	Directory Pick Up	6:30 pm	Narthex
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Thursday 11	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Membership Care	12:30 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Grief Support	2:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 12	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 13			
Sunday 14	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."**

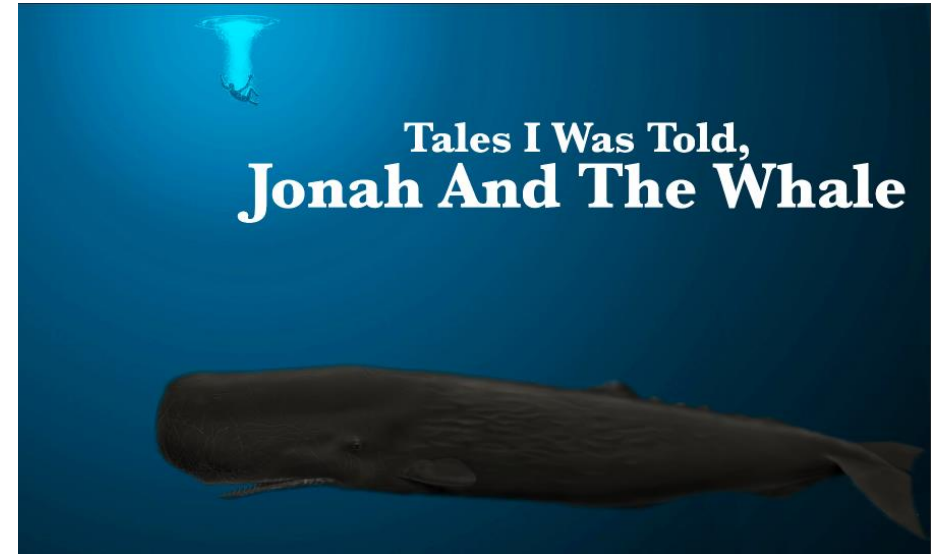
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of **"Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."**

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study **"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 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

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Acolytes

Micah Fleming & Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – Jonah 2: 1-10

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

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Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 2: 1-14

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ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith will meet February 15th at 6:00 PM in rooms 16 A&B. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. Business portion will be approving the budget and programs for most of 2021 followed by a short video. YOU MAY BRING A FRIEND.

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