

March 14, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Assurance" arr. by John Ness Beck
Carol Stewart and Steve Gurk, piano-organ duet

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: Return to the Lord your God,

P: for God is gracious.

L: Confess to the Lord your God,

P: for God is merciful.

L: Repent to the Lord your God,

P: for God is slow to anger.

L: Praise the Lord your God,

P: for God abounds in steadfast love.

L: Worship the Lord your God.

A: Together, let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH#305

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great and Holy God,

we confess that oftentimes we miss the mark.

We mess up. We fall short.

We disappoint ourselves or others around us.

Most of all, we have not done all that you would have us do.

This is why we are here today:

for community that corrects and inspires us,

for worship that lifts our spirits,

for the urgent reminder of your Grace that abounds in our lives,

for the peace that enables us to embody your Spirit of peace.

In this time of worship, O Living Lord, remake us.

In this time of worship, O Holy Spirit, fill us up.

Remind us of our calling.

Grant us the courage to be your people

through the Risen Christ,

the only One who sets us free. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH#361

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 "I Can Only Imagine" Bart Millard
Pam Colbrunn, vocal solo

**Gospel Lesson John 8:2-11

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 5" Rev. Andy Wagner

** Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH#98

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "Redeemed" William J. Kirkpatrick



*Altar Flowers are given by Rick and Joyce Smith in honor of
all those who assist with Family Outreach meals.*

March

Monday 15	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	Rm 15 C
	Community Blood Drive	2:00 pm	FCC
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 16	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
	Mission Outreach Team	6:15 pm	Rm 8
Wednesday 17	DEADLINE FOR DEADLINE FOR	3/21/21 APRIL	BULLETIN FAITH LINKS
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Thursday 18	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
	Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
	Ad Board Council	6:30 pm	Rm 15 A-C
Friday 19	Xenia HS Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
Saturday 20	Praise Band Practice	9:00 am	FCC
Sunday 21	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC
	Boy Scouts Troop 140	5:00 pm	Rm 15 A

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Cheryl Vahle, 4 week study of "Easter Realities."

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."

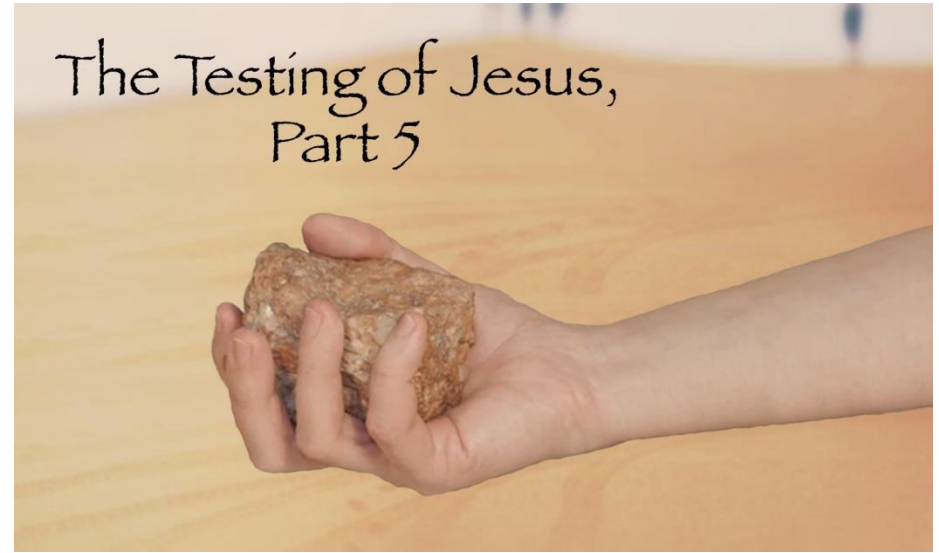
Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "On the Road Again – A Faith Journey" by James W. Moore.

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 5



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Worship Team

Ushers

Paul Pinkerton, Doug Wickline,
Joe Kennedy, Bruce Spittler

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Acolytes

Micah Fleming and Morgan Fleming

Organist

Carol Stewart

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Next Sermon – Sunday, March 21

"The Testing of Jesus, Part 6"
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
Matthew 16: 13-23

Announcements

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