

## March 21, 2021

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

Prelude "Glorify Thy Name" Donna Adkins/Keith Christopher

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

\*\* Call to Worship

L: Christ asks, "Who do people say that I am?"

**P: Some say a prophet, others a great teacher, still others simply do not know.**

L: Christ asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

**P: The Christ, the Son of the living God.**

L: Christ compels us to listen to his Word, to follow his command.

**P: We set aside the things of this world so that we might set our minds on the things of God.**

**A: Let us worship in faith.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
(v. 1-5) UMH#57

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH#297

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 "Great Is the Lord" Carol Stewart, organ solo  
Michael and Deborah Smith/Keith Christopher

\*\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 16: 13-23

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

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

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 6" Rev. Andy Wagner

\*\* Closing Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" UMH#504

\*\* Sending Forth

\*\* Postlude "His Name is Wonderful"  
Audrey Mieir/Keith Christopher



*Altar Flowers are given by Tammy Byers in honor of the birthday of her husband Dr. Richard Byers. May you have a blessed day.*

# March

Monday 22	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 23	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball	3:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC
Wednesday 24	<b>DEADLINE FOR</b> Praise Band Practice	<b>3/28/21</b> 7:00 pm	<b>BULLETIN</b> FCC
Thursday 25	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B FCC
Friday 26	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball	3:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC
Saturday 27			
Sunday 28	Traditional Worship Sunday School  Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am  11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 6, 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A

## Sunday School Studies

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

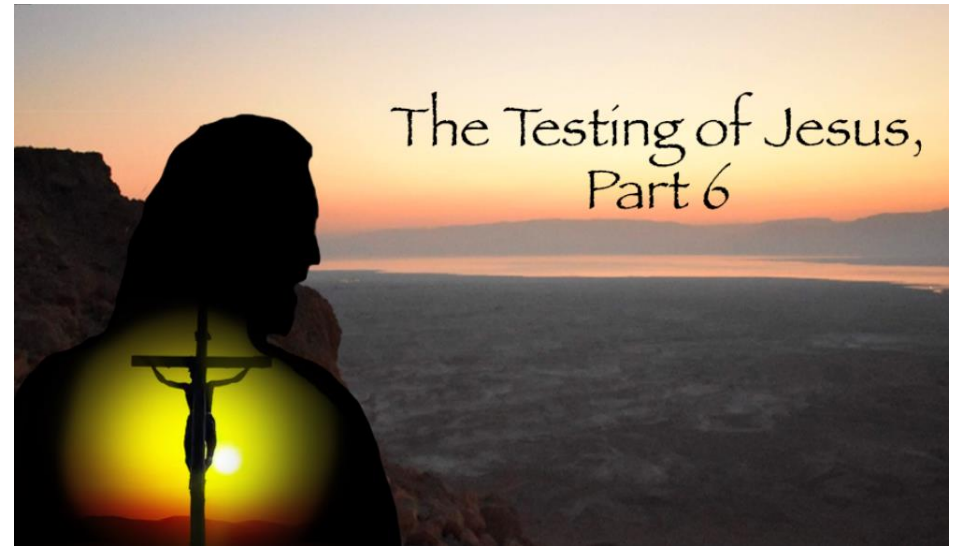
**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook study of "Ephesians: Find out what it looks like to live as one of God's adopted children."

**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.



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## Worship Team

Ushers

Paul Pinkerton, Doug Wickline,  
Joe Kennedy, Bruce Spittler

Liturgist

Chad Mossing

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing and Will Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart

# Gospel Lesson – Matthew 16: 13-23

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## Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

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Gospel Lesson

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