

March 7, 2021

** (Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. by Marilyn Ham

Greeting/Life of the Church Rev. Andy Wagner

** Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, I will extol the Lord with all my heart.

P: Great are the works of the Lord.

They are pondered by all who delight in them.

L: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

L: He provides food for those who fear him.

A: He remembers his covenant forever.

**Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH#577

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, you have taught us that in loving one another, we fulfill the law and all the commandments. Try as we may, we have not always loved our neighbor as we have loved ourselves. Help us reach out in love, that the church might be a place of healing, in your name. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus" UMH#170

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 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
Stephanie Leupp, vocal solo

**Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-37

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Testing of Jesus, Part 4" Rev. Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

** Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH#593

** Sending Forth

** Postlude "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
Scholtes/Wilson



*Altar Flowers are given by Richard & Tammy Byers:
God Bless Nancy Roberts on her birthday.*

March

Monday 8	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:10 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 15 C
Tuesday 9	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball Girl Scouts Leaders	3:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC Rm 15 A
Wednesday 10	DEADLINE FOR Worship Design Team Praise Band Practice	3/14/21 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	BULLETIN Library FCC
Thursday 11	Prayer Shawl Membership Care Grief Support Magic Volleyball	11:00 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B Rm 16 A-B Rm 16 A-B FCC
Friday 12	Xenia HS Winter Guard Magic Volleyball	3:30 pm 6:00 pm	FCC FCC
Saturday 13			
Sunday 14	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 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."

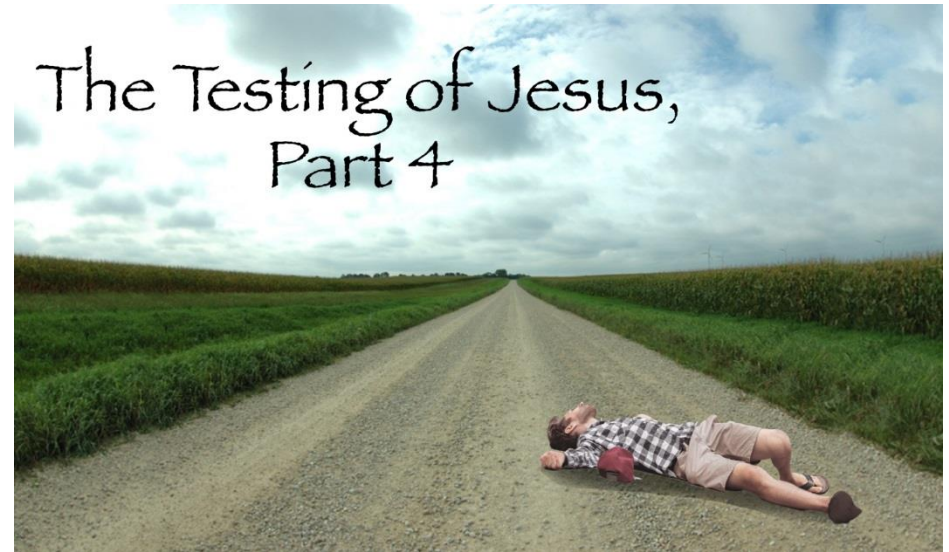
Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study "On the Road Again – A Faith Journey" by James W. Moore.

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 4



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Worship Team

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Eric Fleming,
Jim Osburn, Don Wolf

Liturgist

Sandy Pramer

Acolytes

Catherine Mossing and Will Mossing

Organist

Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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Next Sermon – Sunday, March 14

"The Testing of Jesus, Part 5"
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Andy Wagner
John 8:2-11

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