April 25, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Shepherd Psalm (Medley)"

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Andy Wagner

arr. by Don Wyrtzen

**Call to Worship

L: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens." We gather to praise you!

- P: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...".
- L: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens." We gather to celebrate you!
- P: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... And God saw that is was good..."
- A: We gather to worship our God.

All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God! Amen

**Opening Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King"

(vs. 1-5, 7) UMH#62

Opening Prayer (unison)

Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgement. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of sisters and brothers who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1-3) UMH#381

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 Musi	"The Twenty-Third Psalm"	arr. by Russell J. Brown Flo Harner, vocal solo
**Gospel Lesson L: The Word of God for the People of God. P: Thanks be to God! Amen.		John 10: 11-18
Sermon	"The Sheep of His Pasture"	Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH#374 **Sending Forth

**Postlude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. by Mark Haves



Altar Flowers are given by Double I Class in memory of Dorothy Montgomery



Cub Scouts	6:10 pm	Rm 15 A-B
Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
DEADLINE FOR	5/2/21	BULLETIN
Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
Magic Volleyball	6:00 pm	FCC
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
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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 **"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	Bill Vahle, Chad Mossing Gerald Mahan, Rick Smith
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing and Will Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – John 10: 11-18

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Next Sermon – Sunday, May 2

"Tangled Together" Gospel Lesson Pastor Andy Wagner John 15: 1-8

Announcements

CARNATION SALE: The UMW celebrates the women in your life with a carnation sale. Red in honor of those living, White in memory of those we have lost. The cost is \$1.30 per flower. Checks may be made payable to F. C. United Methodist Women. Forms will be available in the Narthex, Community Center and the Office. Please fill out the form and turn it in, WITH PAYMENT, to the boxes provided in the Narthex or the Community Center, Sunday mornings April 25 or May 2. There will also be a box in the church office to deposit completed forms and payment; drop-off not later than Friday, April 30. The carnations will be displayed at the worship services on Mother's Day, May 9. The flowers you ordered may be picked up after the worship service you attend.

SHOES 4 THE SHOELESS: We will have a Drive-Thru style event on Sat. May 8 from 10:00am -11:00am (while supplies last). Shoes 4 the Shoeless will be providing all the shoes and most of the volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please call Sandy Pramer at (937) 307-3619.

COVID-19 LOSSES: If you know of anyone who had a family member pass away from COVID-19, FEMA will provide up to \$7,000.00 to reimburse funeral expenses for deaths that occurred after January 20, 2020. The program starts in April and the information can be found at: www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance. This is a very important benefit for anyone who has lost someone due to COVID.

LIFE LINE SCREENING: The Life Line Screening will be here at Faith Community United Methodist Church on Monday, May 17, 2021 offering safe, painless, noninvasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. Three ways to register: Call toll-free: 866-229-0469, Text: the word circle to 797979, or Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

EARTH DAY TREE SEEDLINGS: The trees will be available today in the Narthex after the 9:00 am service and in the Community Center as you exit after the 11:00 am service. Each tree will be in a sealed baggie with the species name and the planting instructions on the outside.

EARTH DAY PRAYER: Creator God of the Earth, we acknowledge your gift to us of our beautiful, healthy planet Earth that we call Mother Earth. On this Earth Day Sunday help us to remember that you have given humanity this beautiful, healthy place in which to live. You have made us the stewards the Earth so that we would take good care of her. Empower us to make the necessary changes in our daily lives that will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions into our air. Help us to reduce our waste, recycle our recyclables and keep plastics out of our oceans that harm marine life. Enable us to use just the right amount of fertilizers for our crops preventing run off into our streams and polluting them. Help us to be Earthwise as good stewards of our environment thereby honoring you our Creator God. Amen

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