

July 18, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the Lord, God of our ancestors,

P: And to be praised and highly exalted forever;

L: And blessed is God's glorious, holy name,

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L: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord;

P: Sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

A: Let us worship our God. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" UMH#578

Opening Prayer (unison)

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors, and worthy of praise; glorious is your name forever! For you are just in all you have done; all your works are true and your ways are right. We have sinned and broken your law in turning away from you. Do not withdraw your mercy from us. Deliver us in accordance with your marvelous works, and bring glory to your name, O Lord. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Saranam, Saranam" (vs. 1-3) UMH#523

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.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart
Offertory "Dare to be a Daniel" Philip P. Bliss

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

O Lord, there is no offering or sacrifice we can make to repay your great gift to us in Jesus Christ. Yet with a contrite heart and a humble spirit may our offering be acceptable to you. May we unreservedly follow you with all that we have and all that we are; in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Daniel 3: 8-18

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "Spirit Medley"
Wayne Cook, vocal solo; Gene Foiles, piano

Sermon "Into the Fiery Furnace" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH#580

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick/Marilynn Ham



Altar Flowers are given by Donna Luttrell in memory of David.

JULY

Monday 19	Vacation Bible School Men of Faith	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Entire Church Rm 16 A-B
Tuesday 20	Vacation Bible School Dorcas Circle Investment Group	9:30 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Entire Church Rm 15 A-B Library
Wednesday 21	DEADLINE FOR Vacation Bible School Praise Band Practice	7/25/21 9:30 am 7:00 pm	BULLETIN Entire Church FCC
Thursday 22	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am	Entire Church
Friday 23	Vacation Bible School	9:30 am	Entire Church
Saturday 24	Double I	5:00 pm	Rm 15 A & Kitchen
Sunday 25	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A

Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 11 week study of **"Romans Chapters 1-8: Becoming New in Christ."**

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study **"Learn from the Hymns."**

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 Rhonda Cook for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



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Worship Team

Ushers Eric Fleming, Chad Mossing,
Gary Allen, Jim Osburn

Liturgist Chad Mossing

Acolytes Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing,
Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming,
Austin Barone

Organist Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – Daniel 3: 8-18

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"Midnight Praise"
Scripture Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner
Acts 16:25-34

Announcements



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