

July 25, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Martin Smith/Jerry Ray

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

P: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

L: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

P: for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

A: Let us worship the Lord. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" UMH#513

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, You are the God above and beyond all things! With trust, hope and humility in our hearts and minds, we gather to praise and worship you, the God who always hears and answers our prayers. Your promises are trustworthy and true, and so with thankful hearts and minds, we praise and worship you. Every day and night, we have been blessed by your wonders. Your ways are beyond our understanding, but your mercy never fails. Your grace is shown through unfailing kindness to people who are weak and in need of encouragement and hope for the future. Ever-present God, Your faithful love endures forever, and ever. Amen.

Vacation Bible School Presentation

Proclamation of the Administrative Board

Prayer Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH#526

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 "He Keeps Me Singing "

Luther B. Bridgers

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Andy Wagner

Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. Touch our hearts with the joy of resurrection, and help our love shine forth in a world hungry to know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:25-34

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Flo Harner, vocal solo

Sermon

"Midnight Praise"

Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH#369

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "I Will Bless the Lord At All Times"

Allen Webber



*Altar Flowers are given by Bruce & Debbie Spitler
in honor of their 47th Wedding Anniversary.*

JULY

Monday 26	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Tuesday 27			
Wednesday 28	DEADLINE FOR Praise Band Practice	8/1/21 7:00 pm	BULLETIN FCC
Thursday 29	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 30			
Saturday 31			
Sunday 1	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	Elaine Hughes
Acolytes	Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – Acts 16:25-34

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Announcements

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