

August 1, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Were You There?/Near the Cross" arr. by Lari Goss
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Draw near to God, who has heard your complaining. Come in the name of Jesus, who understands your need.

P: We have received manna in the wilderness. We have been offered the bread of life.

L: Open your selves to God's steadfast love. Be honest before the Holy One who knows all you do.

P: We are judged according to our deeds. Our secret sins are known to our God.

L: The Holy Spirit has come to restore your joy. God's presence is real to those who accept God's gift.

A: Whoever comes to Jesus will not be hungry. Whoever trusts in Christ will never be thirsty. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH#545

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, from whom comes all the abundance of this earth, and who has given us the true bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, feed us again by your word of truth that we may believe more deeply and trust more daringly, speaking the truth in love to our hurting world. Make your church be a transforming presence among all your children. Amen.

SPRC Introduction

Prayer Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (vs. 1-3) UMH#301

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 "Hallelujah! What a Savior/Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. by Lari Goss

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson John 6: 24-35

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "Love Divine/Love Lifted Me" Gene Foiles, piano
Men's Quartet: Pastor Andy Wagner, John Sherer, Wayne Cook, Glen Shaw

Sermon "Bread from Heaven" Pastor Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

**Closing Hymn "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" UMH#359

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "God Be with You" William G. Tomer/Lari Goss



*Altar Flowers are given by Rick & Joyce Smith
in honor of everyone who helped make VBS a huge success.*

August

Monday 1	Boy Scouts Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 C Library
Tuesday 2	Trustees SPRC	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 6 Library
Wednesday 3	DEADLINE FOR Praise Band Practice	8/8/21 7:00 pm	BULLETIN FCC
Thursday 4	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 5			
Saturday 6			
Sunday 7	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

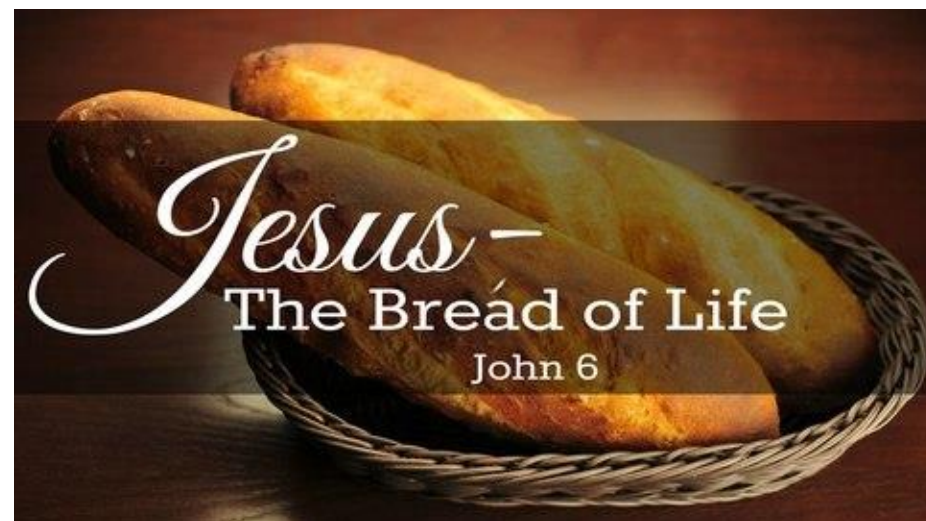
Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 11 week study of "Romans Chapters 1-8: Becoming New in Christ."

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	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith, Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	John Grayson, Elaine Grayson
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Acolytes	Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart

Gospel Lesson – John 6: 24-35

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"Drawn By the Father"
Gospel Lesson

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John 6: 41-51

Announcements

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GREENE COUNTY CHILDREN NEED FOSTER PARENTS: Have you ever thought about being a foster parent but weren't sure how to get started? Have your grown children moved out and you're lonely in your empty nest? Would you enjoy making a positive difference in the life of a child from right here in your community? Please consider opening your heart and your home to a child in need. In Greene County, we currently have 38 foster homes licensed through our agency. However, we normally have around three times that many children who are temporarily unable to live with their primary families. To fully meet the needs of the community, more foster parents are needed — especially those who are willing to care for older children, teens or sibling groups. Please call Greene County Children Services at 937-562-6600 and ask to speak to someone in the Foster Care unit. You may also visit www.greenecountyohio.gov, click on "Departments," then select "Children Services," and, finally, click "Foster Care." THANK YOU!

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