

August 15, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Don Hustad

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. Let us join our voices in giving thanks.

P: The works of God are all around us. Those who share in God's work lack for nothing.

L: We are called to faithfulness, as God is faithful. We are people of the covenant, gathered to please God.

P: Holy and awesome is God's name. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

L: Come, then, as wise and faithful people. Come as a beloved community of the redeemed.

A: We are amazed that God remembers us. We reach out to the God who cares for us.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of steadfast love, your works delight our hearts and expand our thoughts. Your grace and mercy draw us together to praise you and to celebrate your wonderful deeds. Dwell among us today, and reign within the lives of each one gathered here, helping us to grow in discernment and understanding. Grant wisdom and courage that we may walk in your ways and keep your commandments. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH#451

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 Gene Foiles
Offertory "Be Still My Soul" Jean Sibelius

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

Your generosity, O God, is beyond our deserving. You grant health to our bodies and minds. You surround us with vast resources and with people who love us. You allow us to make decisions about the use of our time and possessions and relationships. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to share with others some of what we have received. Help us to use all our gifts as you intend. Amen.

Scripture Lesson 1 Kings 3: 3-14

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "Why Should I Worry or Fret" Gene Foiles, piano
Ladies Trio: Joyce Smith, Pam Colbrunn, Stephanie Leupp

Sermon "Careful What You Ask For" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Are Ye Able" UMH#530

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "Voluntary" William Selby



*Altar Flowers are given by Flo Harner and family
in memory of Joe Harner.*

August

	DEADLINE FOR	SEPT	FAITH LINKS
Monday 16	Women of Faith Men of Faith Boy Scouts	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 C Historical Society Rm 15 C
Tuesday 17	Dorcas Circle Mission Outreach Disciple Bible Study	1:00 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B Rm 8 Rm 6
Wednesday 18	DEADLINE FOR Handbell Practice Praise Band Practice Choir Practice	8/22/21 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	BULLETIN Music Room FCC Sanctuary
Thursday 19	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 20			
Saturday 21			
Sunday 22	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship A Taste of Stephen Ministry Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library FCC Rm 15 A-B 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	Jackie Foster, Donna Luttrell
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Acolytes	Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone, AJ Trent
Pianist	Gene Foiles

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"Don't Try to Go it Alone"
Scripture Lesson

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Ephesians 6:10-20

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