

August 22, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" Peter Scholtes
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: With profound happiness we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!

P: Happy are those who live in God's house! Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.

L: Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of the earth are God's children.

P: We greet one another by name in Jesus' name. Together we extol the name of our God.

L: Open your hearts to receive new strength. Open your lives to renewed understandings.

A: Surely God will equip us to face our world. We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.

**Opening Hymn "Forward Through the Ages" UMH#555

Opening Prayer (unison)

We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us everything we need. As you provide for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We choose to respond to your promises by identifying ourselves as your servant people who seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. Fleeing from tents of wickedness, we gather to do the tasks you entrust to us here, praying for strength to do our daily work as a ministry in your name. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "Sanctuary" (see insert)

Commissioning of Stephen Leaders

Prayer Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH#347

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 "Here I Am, Lord" Carolyn Engle, vocal solo

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

May our giving add strength to the witness of your church as we humbly seek your truth and lovingly share it. Ready us to proclaim the gospel of peace in our homes, in our places of work and leisure, throughout our community and the world. Keep before your people the awesome mystery of faith. May its power overcome the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age, uniting us in disciplines that are freeing and discipleship that is amazingly fulfilling. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "If I can Help Somebody" Bazel Androzzo
John Sherer, vocal solo; Carol Stewart, piano

Sermon "Don't Try to Go it Alone" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH#557

**Sending Forth

**Postlude "You'll Never Walk Alone" Rodgers and Hammerstein



Altar Flowers are given with gratitude for Lynn and Mike and all others who have been part of our Stephen Ministry ministry.

Altar Flowers are given by the Eckstrand family in memory of Barbara Eckstrand.

August

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| Monday 23 | Barbara Eckstrand Visitation | 4:00 pm | Narthex |
| | Barbara Eckstrand Funeral | 5:00 pm | Sanctuary |
| | Boy Scouts | 7:00 pm | Rm 15 C |
| | Disciple Bible Study | 6:30 pm | Rm 6 |
| Tuesday 24 | | | |
| Wednesday 25 | DEADLINE FOR 8/29/21 BULLETIN | | |
| | Disciple Bible Study | 2:00 pm | Rm 6 |
| | Handbell Practice | 6:15 pm | Music Room |
| | Praise Band Practice | 7:00 pm | FCC |
| Thursday 26 | Choir Practice | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary |
| | Prayer Shawl | 11:00 am | Parlor |
| | Christian Ed Meeting | 7:00 pm | Library |
| Friday 27 | | | |
| Saturday 28 | Double I Dinner | 5:00 pm | Rm 15 A & Kit |
| Sunday 29 | Traditional Worship | 9:00 am | Sanctuary |
| | Sunday School | 10:00 am | Rm 12, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library |
| | Contemporary Worship | 11:00 am | FCC |
| | Boy Scouts Troop 140 | 5:00 pm | 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 Mossier.

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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers Rick Smith, Joyce Smith,
Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham

Greeters Don Wolf, Ann Wolf

Liturgist Elaine Hughes

Acolytes Will Mossier, Catherine Mossier,
Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming,
Austin Barone, AJ Trent

Pianist Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – Ephesians 6:10-20

The Whole Armor of God

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¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

2164 Sanctuary



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