

## August 29, 2021

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. by Marilyn Ham  
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner  
Introit "Behold Our God" arr. by Bob Colaner

\*\*Call to Worship

L: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

**P: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.**

L: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.

**P: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.**

L: We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.

**A: Let our joy resound through singing, teaching and reflecting on the word.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH#92

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of all truth, whose reality is far beyond the religion we profess, and whose ways are broader than our flawed human precepts, we would honor you with our lips and our lives, worshiping you above all else in life and welcoming your transforming presence within us, that we might become doers of the Word who offer healing to the world. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH#402

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 "Come All Christians, Be Committed" arr. by Mark Hayes

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

**Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty you entrust to our stewardship, O God of light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and give us your work to do. As you have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "It Is Well with My Soul" Philip Bliss/John Ness Beck

Scripture Lesson James 1:17-27

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

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Prove It" Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH#593

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

\*\*Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick/Jerry Ray



*Altar Flowers are given by Janet Schellin  
in memory of her parents Herb & Helen Now,  
and sisters Betty Gephart, Mary Croy and Sue Nesler.*

August

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SEPTEMBER

|                |                       |               |                                      |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>30   | Boy Scouts            | 7:00 pm       | Rm 15 C                              |
| Tuesday<br>31  | Disciple Bible Study  | 6:30 pm       | Rm 6                                 |
| Wednesday<br>1 | <b>DEADLINE FOR</b>   | <b>9/5/21</b> | <b>BULLETIN</b>                      |
|                | Disciple Bible Study  | 2:00 pm       | Rm 6                                 |
|                | Handbell Practice     | 6:15 pm       | Music Room                           |
|                | Praise Band Practice  | 7:00 pm       | FCC                                  |
|                | SPRC                  | 7:00 pm       | Library                              |
| Thursday<br>2  | Prayer Shawl          | 11:00 am      | Parlor                               |
|                | Women's Club of Xenia | 1:30 pm       | Parlor                               |
| Friday<br>3    |                       |               |                                      |
| Saturday<br>4  |                       |               |                                      |
| Sunday<br>5    | Traditional Worship   | 9:00 am       | Sanctuary                            |
|                | Sunday School         | 10:00 am      | Rm 12, 15 C, 16A,<br>Parlor, Library |
|                | Contemporary Worship  | 11:00 am      | FCC                                  |
|                | Boy Scouts Troop 140  | 5:00 pm       | Rm 15 A                              |

**Sunday School Studies**

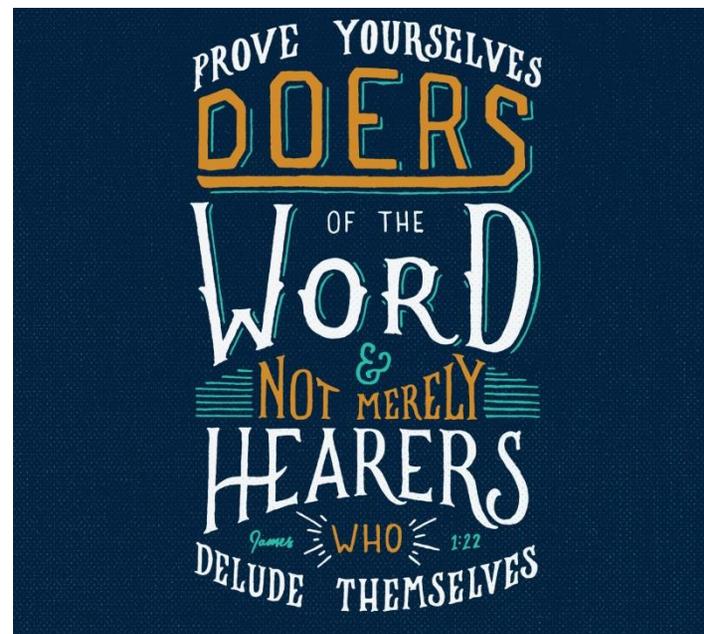
**Double I** meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 11 week study of "Romans Chapters 1-8: Becoming New in Christ."

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

**Friends & Followers** meet in the Library, Leader Chad 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** Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp

**Liturgist** Chad Mossing

**Acolytes** Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing,  
Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming,  
Austin Barone, AJ Trent

**Pianist** Carol Stewart

## Scripture Lesson – James 1:17-27

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### Next Sermon – Sunday, September 5

"A Living Faith"  
Scripture Lesson

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James 2: 1-17

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