

September 19, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Lowell Mason/Marty Baxter

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

Introit Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

L: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Happy are those who find delight in God's law.

P: God is always nearer than our next breath. We gather to become more aware of that presence.

L: Knowledge of God is a delight to the righteous. They seek to grow in wisdom and understanding.

P: There is always more to discover than we know. God is our teacher and helper and judge.

L: Put your trust in God as you prepare to serve. Learn to be peaceable, gentle and merciful.

A: We seek to do good and not harm all our days. We would open our hands to the poor and needy.

**Opening Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH#384

Opening Prayer (unison)

Life-giving God, we gather in Your presence to offer You thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done for us. Through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we have been set free — free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to worship! May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us and within us, and to the Word You have for us today. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (see insert)

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 "Close to Thee" Silas J. Vail

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

We who have spent much on our own pleasures are pleased to share that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. May there be a harvest of righteousness among us, shown in the peaceful handling of disputes, in mutual love and support, and in courageous outreach to people near and far who need the help we can give. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Shall We Gather At the River?" Robert Lowry/John Carter

Scripture Lesson James 4: 1-10

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Don't Be a Double Agent" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH#419

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

**Postlude "I'll Walk With God" Nicholas Brodsky



Monday 20	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	Rm 15C
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15C
Tuesday 21	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Mission Outreach	3:30 pm	Rm 8
	Girl Scouts Leaders	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A
	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 22	Disciple Bible Study	2:00 pm	Rm 6
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 23	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Stephen Ministry Training	6:30 pm	Library
Friday 24			
Saturday 25	Shoes 4 the Shoeless	9:30 am	FCC
Sunday 26	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC
	Boy Scouts Troop 140	5:00 pm	Rm 15 A

Sunday School Studies

Explorers meet in Room 6, Leader Char Lee, study of **"The Jesus You May Not Know"** by David Jeremiah.

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, 11 week study of **"Romans Chapters 9-16 - Part 2: A New Lifestyle."**

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study **"The Book of Proverbs."**

Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mousing.

Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mousing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

Don't Be A Double Agent

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.
Cleanse your hands, ye sinners;
and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

James 4:8

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Worship Team

Ushers Mike Tittle, Don Wolf,
Butch Smith, Gary Allen

Greeters Paul Pinkerton, Virginia Pinkerton

Liturgist Sandy Pramer

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

Organist Carol Stewart

Scripture Lesson – James 4: 1-10

Friendship with the World

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Announcements

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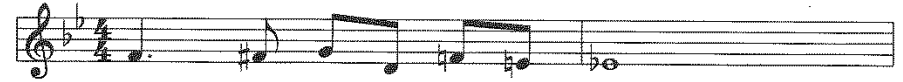
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3. When my fee-ble life is o'er,

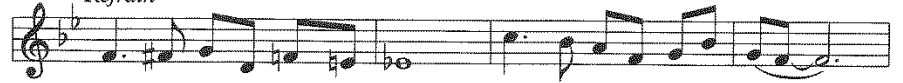


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time for me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
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WORDS: Anon. (James 4:8)
MUSIC: Anon.

CLOSER WALK
Irregular with Refrain

Next Sermon – Sunday, September 26

"Pray, Pray, Pray"
Scripture Lesson

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James 5: 13-20

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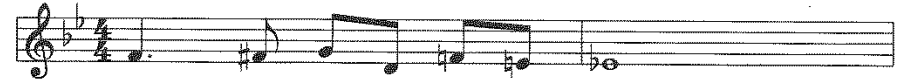
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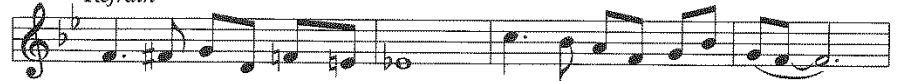


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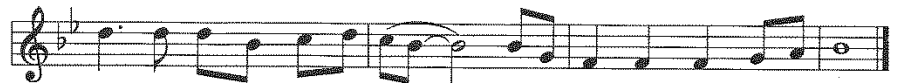


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