

# September 5, 2021

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

Prelude "Faith and Hope" arr. by Tom Fettke  
Carol Stewart and Steve Gurk, organ-piano duet

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

\*\*Call to Worship

L: Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship. Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

**P: This is a place where all belong. This is a time when all are accountable to God.**

L: The Maker of all seeks our common good. The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

**P: We are not judges over our sisters and brothers. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

L: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God. Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.

**A: We bring all our needs to God, our hope. We want to share faith and hope with others.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH#548

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You are aware of the distinctions we make and the favoritism we express. Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH#454

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 "We Are the Church" Richard Avery and Donald Marsh  
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Afro-American Spiritual

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication Pastor Andy Wagner

**We give because you have been generous to us, gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

Ministry of Music "Great is the Lord" Carol Stewart, piano  
Men's Quartet: Pastor Andy Wagner, John Sherer, Wayne Cook, Gene Foiles

Scripture Lesson James 2: 1-17

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

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

Sermon "A Living Faith" Pastor Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

\*\*Closing Hymn "I Come, with Joy" UMH#617

\*\*Sending Forth

\*\*Postlude "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
Johann Naegeli/Marilynn Ham



Monday 6	OFFICE CLOSED FOR	LABOR	DAY
Tuesday 7	Girl Scouts Disciple Bible Study Trustees	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Rm 15 A,B,C, 16A, Rm 6 Library
Wednesday 8	<b>DEADLINE FOR</b> Disciple Bible Study Handbell Practice Praise Band Practice Choir Practice	<b>9/12/21</b> 2:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	<b>BULLETIN</b> Rm 6 Music Room FCC Sanctuary
Thursday 9	Prayer Shawl Membership Care Grief Support	11:00 am 12:30 pm 2:00 pm	Parlor Parlor Parlor
Friday 10	UMM Garage Sale	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 11	UMM Garage Sale	9:00 am	FCC
Sunday 12	Traditional Worship Sunday School  Contemporary Worship Boy Scouts Troop 140	9:00 am 10:00 am  11:00 am 5:00 pm	Sanctuary Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library  FCC 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**. The class will begin on Sunday, September 12.

**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 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.



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### Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Acolytes	Will Mossing, Catherine Mossing, Morgan Fleming, Micah Fleming, Austin Barone, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart

## Scripture Lesson – James 2: 1-17

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### Faith without Works Is Dead

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