

February 20, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart
"The Lord Is My Light" Francis Allitsen/Harold De Cou

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Introit "Now, Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

L: Wait patiently, for God will be revealed to us. God is our refuge in whom we trust.

P: We believe God is here and will be known by us. Our faith nourishes us as we rest in God's care.

L: We are here to receive life in all its abundance. God is providing for us and has a purpose for us.

P: God raises us up and sends us forth. Surely God will help us wherever we go.

**Opening Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH#110

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, you bring light to our days and hope to our hearts. We draw near to you as survivors of another week, grateful for your care. You have provided for us, preserved our lives, and invented us once more to this time of prayer. Now we would be still before you, leaving behind our distress and anger, entrusting our weaknesses to your empowering spirit. Raise us up to embrace your way of love. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Saranam, Saranam" (v.1, 2) UMH#523

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

Offertory "Dare To Be a Daniel" Carol Stewart

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Liturgist

God, we recognize that we have been blessed with great abundance. In offering these gifts, may we be strengthened to proclaim your faithfulness and your salvation this day and always. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"I Will Always Be With You" Joseph M. Martin

Scripture Lesson Daniel 6: 10-16

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "The Liars' Den and the Lions' Den" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" UMH#513

**Sending Forth

**Choral Benediction

**Postlude Carol Stewart
"God Will Take Care of You" Stillman Martin/Albin Whitworth



*Altar Flowers are given by Dorcas Circle
in memory of Sheila Woosley.*

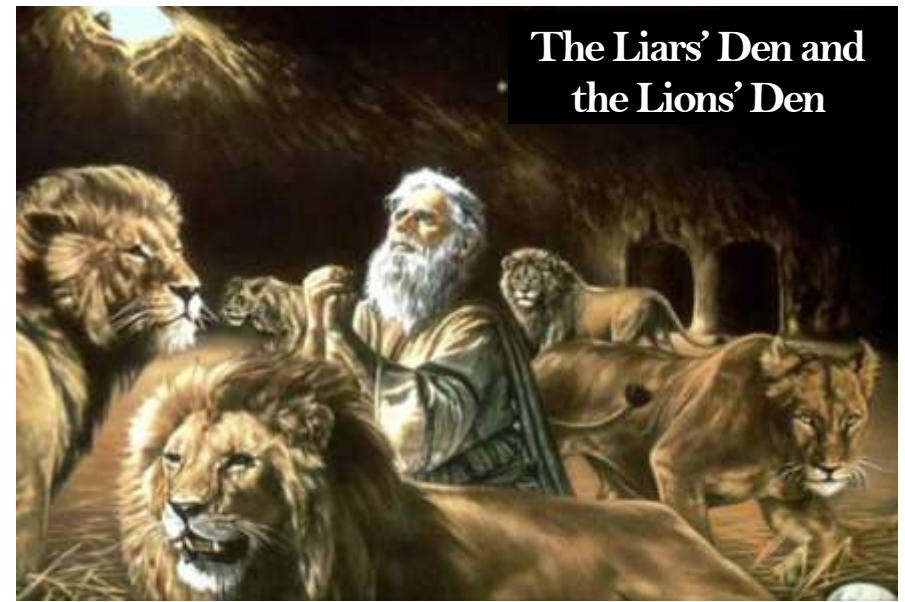
Scripture Lesson – Daniel 6: 10-16

Daniel in the Lions' Den

¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹ The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹² Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³ Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

¹⁴ When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

¹⁶ Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!"



The Liars' Den and
the Lions' Den



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Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Acolytes	AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



Monday 21	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 22	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 23	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 24	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 25	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Cub Scouts Derby Set up	6:00 pm	FCC
Saturday 26	Cub Scouts Pine Derby	8:00 am	FCC
	Double I	5:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
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	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
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BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, February 28, 3:30pm to 7:30pm**. You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

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"One Like a Son of Man"
Scripture Lesson

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Daniel 7: 9-14



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