

March 13, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Handbell Choir
"Rigaudon" Campra/Thompson

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

P: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

L: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

P: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

L: Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

P: Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.

**Opening Hymn

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" (v.1-4) UMH#294

Opening Prayer (unison)

In this place our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are, to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another, to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus Christ that empower our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH#297

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 "Our God Reigns" Leonard E. Smith/Fred Bock

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

In the confidence that you will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from your hand. Amen.

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven/Sherman

Scripture Lesson Daniel 9: 20-27

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Seventy Sevens" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH#140

**Sending Forth

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



*Altar Flowers are given by Don & Ann Wolf
in honor of Spring.*

Scripture Lesson – Daniel 9: 20-27

The Seventy “Sevens”

²⁰ While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill — ²¹ while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² He instructed me and said to me, “Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. ²³ As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore, consider the word and understand the vision:

²⁴ “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

²⁵ “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. ²⁶ After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. ²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”



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Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Brant Wickline, Paul Pinkerton, Bruce Spittler
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Greeters	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Acolytes	Evelyn Mahan, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



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NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you are interested in membership at Faith Community, you are invited to attend an orientation class on **Monday, March 21 at 5:30pm** in the Parlor. Please email pastorandy@fcumc.org with any questions or to sign up.

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