

March 20, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "He Hideth My Soul" Carol Stewart
William J. Kirkpatrick/Mark Hayes

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!

P: Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land. We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.

L: Listen carefully to God and eat what is good; delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.

P: Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast. Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.

L: God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship. We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

P: We have come to meditate on the living God. We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.

**Opening Hymn "God of Love and God of Power" UMH#578

Opening Prayer (unison)
God of all, you love us beyond compare and are faithful to us even when we turn away. You are patient and wise, caring and just. We admit that we are not worthy of your love for us or deserving of your good favor. We have ignored your will, treated others of your children with disdain, and failed to be grateful for your mercy and blessings. Forgive us once again. Restore us to right relationship with you and with one another, for we ask it in Christ's name . Amen.

Prayer Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH#396

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 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" Ira D. Sankey

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Daniel 10: 1-9, 15-19

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"Come to the Garden" Ruth Elaine Schram

Sermon "Three Weeks Into the Fast" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH#374

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

**Postlude Carol Stewart
"Be Still My Soul" Jean Sibelius/Albin C. Whitworth



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Scripture Lesson – Daniel 10: 1-9, 15-19

Conflict of Nations and Heavenly Powers

10 In the third year of King Cyrus of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. The word was true, and it concerned a great conflict. He understood the word, having received understanding in the vision.

² At that time I, Daniel, had been mourning for three weeks. ³ I had eaten no rich food, no meat or wine had entered my mouth, and I had not anointed myself at all, for the full three weeks. ⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris), ⁵ I looked up and saw a man clothed in linen, with a belt of gold from Uphaz around his waist. ⁶ His body was like beryl, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the roar of a multitude. ⁷ I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; the people who were with me did not see the vision, though a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled and hid themselves. ⁸ So I was left alone to see this great vision. My strength left me, and my complexion grew deathly pale, and I retained no strength. ⁹ Then I heard the sound of his words; and when I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a trance, face to the ground.

¹⁵ While he was speaking these words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and was speechless. ¹⁶ Then one in human form touched my lips, and I opened my mouth to speak, and said to the one who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision such pains have come upon me that I retain no strength. ¹⁷ How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For I am shaking, no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me."

¹⁸ Again one in human form touched me and strengthened me.

¹⁹ He said, "Do not fear, greatly beloved, you are safe. Be strong and courageous!" When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Brant Wickline, Paul Pinkerton, Bruce Spitler
Liturgist	Vic Toney
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Acolytes	Catherine Mossing, AJ Trent
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



Monday 21	Women of Faith	1:00 pm	FH 15 A-B
	New Member Class	5:30 pm	FH 15 C
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 22	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
Wednesday 23	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 24	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 25			
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"No One to Help Him"
Scripture Lesson

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Daniel 11: 40-45

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ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith meet on **March 21 at 6:00pm** in rooms 16 A&B. Each person will bring their own meal and beverage. We will have a social time during the meal. A short business meeting will follow at 6:30PM. We would like to have a discussion at this meeting with the men of Faith Community regarding their interests in programming. We need as many of the men as possible to provide their input so the MOF can meet their needs. *Reminder: Face masks are recommended in the church building.*

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@fcum.org with any questions or to sign up.

LENTEN OFFERING FOR VBS: During the season of Lent through **Easter Sunday, April 17**, the church will be collecting a special offering to support Vacation Bible School. Your gift will help provide for children participating in this year's program. The cost is approximately \$25 per child and our goal is to raise \$2500. VBS Offering Envelopes will be available in the pews or office. Please mark your check VBS. Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare to explore God's goodness.

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ROCK OUT FOR MENTAL HEALTH: Please join us on **Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am** for the Rock McColaugh Memorial 5K Run/Walk. The 5k has 2 purposes: To remember a community leader and great friend and to raise money for Mental Health Services. Proceeds benefit TCN Behavioral Health and Greene County Suicide Prevention Coalition. All are welcome to this first annual 5k being held in memory of Rock McColaugh. Start and Finish are at Faith Community UMC. The race route will be run mostly on the bike path in Xenia. Register by April 14th to guarantee a T-shirt. Registration will include performance T-shirt, Nick's Restaurant box lunch, and pre-race refreshments. The race is a component of the Greene County Community Foundation. If you cannot be in person you can run/walk the event virtually anywhere. To sign up, donate, or be a sponsor: go online to rock5k.com.



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