

April 3, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Steve Gurk and Carol Stewart, piano-organ duet
"Be Thou My Vision" Traditional

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

P: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

**Opening Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1-5) UMH#57

Opening Prayer (unison)

Be gracious to us today our Lord, for we are in need of your mercy. We are often quick to doubt and slow to pray. We are tempted to let go of faith when we need to hang on. We are discouraged by wrong when we need to be encouraged by your Spirit. O God, we are thankful for the strength you give us to trust in you all the days of our lives. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH#707

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 "Living for Jesus" C. Harold Lowden

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of Light, you gave us your only son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Money seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we place this money before you as a sacrificial gesture of our gratitude. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Daniel 12: 1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "Medley of the Cross" Gene Foiles, piano
Men's Quartet: Pastor Andy Wagner, John Sherer, Wayne Cook, Glen Shaw

Sermon "The Blessing to Come" Pastor Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

**Closing Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" (v. 1-3) UMH#419

**Sending Forth

**Postlude Carol Stewart
"Count Your Many Blessings" Edwin O. Excell



*Altar Flowers are given by John & Sharon Sherer
in honor of their 61st Wedding Anniversary.*

Scripture Lesson – Daniel 12: 1-10, 13 (NIV)

The End Times

12 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. ⁶ One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” ⁷ The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”

⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?” ⁹ He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

¹³ “As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.”



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Worship Team

Ushers	Chad Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Rick Smith, Jim Osburn
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Greeters	R.P. Dillaplain, Elaine Hughes
Acolytes	Micah Fleming, Morgan Fleming
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bell Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw



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	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm	Library
Tuesday 5	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A,B,C, 16 A-B
	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 8
Wednesday 6	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
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Thursday 7	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
Friday 8	Book Club of Xenia Library	10:15 am	Parlor
Saturday 9			
Sunday 10	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
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"With Shouts of Praise"
Scripture Lesson

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Luke 19:28-40

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JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES (J.A.M.): is celebrating their 50th year of garden ministry by collection seeds and donations. J.A.M. (jamumc.org) helps persons who have lost their jobs, senior citizens, and low-income families. Please place your donations in the container in the narthex, the deadline for collection is **April 15th**. For more information please contact Scott and Carol Jenkins.

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ROCK OUT FOR MENTAL HEALTH: Please join us on **Saturday, May 7 at 10:00am** for the Rock McColough Memorial 5K Run/Walk. Register by April 14th to guarantee a T-shirt. Registration will include performance T-shirt, Nick's Restaurant box lunch, and pre-race refreshments. To sign up, donate, or be a sponsor: go online to rock5k.com by the **April 17, 2022** deadline.

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