

May 1, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen H. Lemmel/Joyce Jones
Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, I will extol the Lord with all my heart.

P: Great are the works of the Lord. They are pondered by all who delight in them.

L: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused his wonders to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

L: He provides food for those who fear him.

P: He remembers his covenant forever.

**Opening Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH#361

Opening Prayer (unison)

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Depth of Mercy" (v.1,3,4) UMH#355

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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Clara H. Scott

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before You today offering our gifts, our hearts, our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One and make us fully your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Acts 9: 1-9, 17-20

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Sermon "Changing Course" Pastor Andy Wagner

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH#13

**Closing Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH#369

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Tomlin & Giglio/Melody Bober



Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Scripture Lesson – Acts 9: 1-9, 17-20

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

CHANGING COURSE



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Worship Team

Ushers	Bill Turner, Mike Tittle, Rick Smith, Butch Smith
Liturgist	Vic Toney
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
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 3	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15 A,B,C, 16A-B
	Disciple Bible Study	6:30 pm	Rm 6
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Rm 8
Wednesday 4	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
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	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
Friday 6			
Saturday 7	Rock McColaugh 5K	10:00 am	FCC, Parking Lot
Sunday 8	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
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Scripture Lesson

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