

July 24, 2022

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude Carol Stewart
"The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster/Carol Tornquist

Greeting/Life of the Church Pastor Andy Wagner

**Call to Worship

L: God is eager to restore us to right relationships. The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

P: We have come to meet the God who welcomes us. We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

L: Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear. Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

P: We bow down to receive God's mercy. We open ourselves to the source of peace.

L: God will answer us and will give what is good. God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

A: We come asking, searching, and knocking. We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

**Opening Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH#496

Opening Prayer (unison)

Living God, we come as your children to be reclaimed and blessed. We need the inner strength that comes to us through worship. All week long we have wrestled with emptiness and deceit on every hand. Take away the noisy clamor that would make us captives of human traditions. Turn us toward the source of our salvation, toward your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

Prayer Hymn "Seek Ye First" UMH#405

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 "I Asked the Lord" Johnny Lange and Jimmy Duncan

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship you with our offerings. They represent our labor, our investment of time and energy. We want them to be put to the best possible use. May they save many from the course of evil and turn them toward faithful discipleship. May they provide bread for body and soul, that your people may be preserved and strengthened for ministry. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson Luke 11: 1-13

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Carol Stewart

Sermon "What For?" Pastor Andy Wagner

**Closing Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"The Lord is Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte



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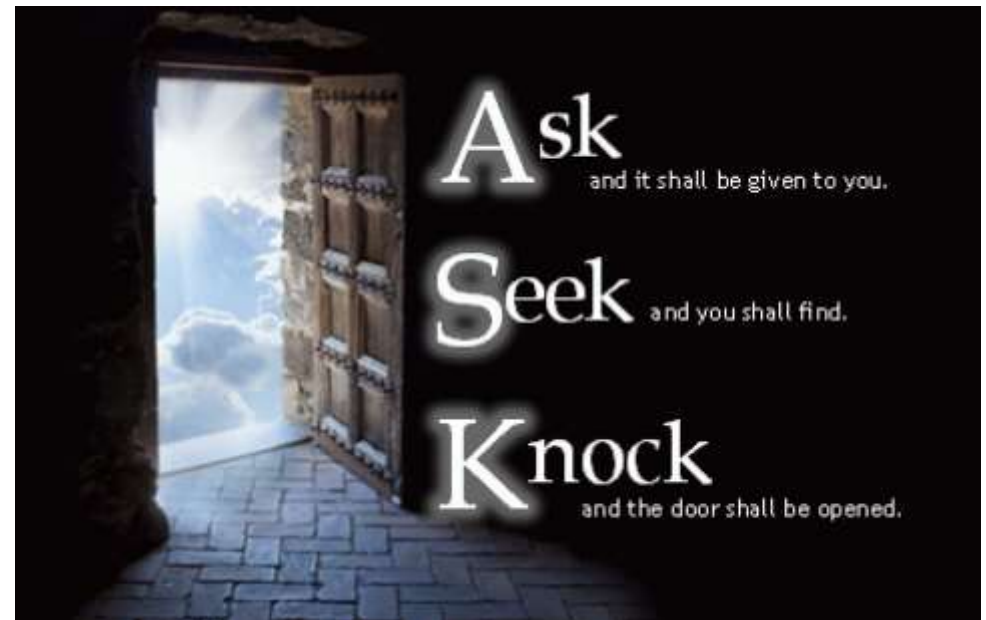
Scripture Lesson – Luke 11: 1-13

The Lord's Prayer

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

Perseverance in Prayer

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Chad Mossing, Gary Allen, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Doug & Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart



Monday 25	Magic Volleyball Practice Boy Scouts	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15C
Tuesday 26	UMW Executive Team Magic Volleyball Practice	1:30 pm 5:30 pm	FH 15C FCC
Wednesday 27			
Thursday 28	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 29			
Saturday 30	Shoes 4 the Shoeless (Measuring Day)	9:30 am	FCC
Sunday 31	Sunday School Fellowship Time Worship Service	9:15 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Rm 15 C, Parlor Rm 15 A-B Sanctuary

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"The Stuff of Life"
Gospel Lesson

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Luke 12: 13-21

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USE CAUTION WHEN PARKING: Please continue to be careful when you are parking, as we will not receive our new bumpers until mid-August.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP AUGUST 14 AT 10:30AM IN SHAWNEE PARK: On **Sunday, August 14**, FCUM, along with at least a dozen other churches in Xenia, will be suspending our regular Sunday morning activities for one day in order to worship together in the park. This is an opportunity for us to witness to the Xenia community about our oneness in Christ. We in the Christian community are not competitors to one another, but are truly brothers and sisters in Christ, working together for God's kingdom. Worship will begin at 10:30AM at the pavilion in Shawnee Park. There will be plenty of chairs set up in the pavilion. If you prefer to bring your own lawn chairs, please set them up outside of the pavilion. It will be a blessing for us to worship as one with friends and neighbors from many other congregations and faith traditions.

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