

February 26, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Vic Toney

**Call to Worship

L: Temptation surrounds us every day.

P: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

L: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

P: Happy are those whose sin is covered.

L: Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

P: God's grace brushes us off.

L: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

P: God's love meets us here.

**Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH#140

Opening Prayer (unison)

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

UMH#365

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

Offertory

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5: 12-21

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Within the Shadow of the Cross"

Chancel Choir

Besig/Price

Sermon

"The Gift of Grace"

Pastor Vic Toney

**Closing Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

(v.1,2,4,5) UMH #294

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude



The Altar Flowers are given by Jim Osburn in celebration of all of our family's February birthdays.

Scripture Lesson - Romans 5: 12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned —

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



Rev. Vic Toney

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

February 26, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Greeters	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Acolytes	Morgan Fleming, Catherine Mossing
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Guest Organist	Mike Klontz
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



Monday 27	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
	SO Basketball Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
Tuesday 28	Lenten Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Winter Guard Practice	3:30 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
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	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor
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Saturday 4			
Sunday 5	Sunday School	9:15 am	Parlor, 11, 15C, 16A
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
	Welcome Reception for Pastor Jeff Bandy	11:30 am	FH 15 A-B

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MEN'S BREAKFAST: The Xenia Area Christian Men's Fellowship would like to invite you to join us for a Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast at AHOP ANNEX (building on the left), 2282 Stelton Road, Xenia, Ohio to be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 8:00 - 9:30 AM.** Registration and fellowship will begin at 7:30 AM and a \$5.00 donation is suggested to cover food cost. FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT larry@brotherlarry.com OR CALL (937) 776-7170.

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LIONS CLUB: We are still collecting Eye Glasses, Glasses Cases, Hearing Aids, and Cell Phones for the Lions Club. Please put them in the drawer marked Lions Club in the plastic storage cabinet in the narthex.

PILL BOTTLES: Just a reminder, Matthew 25 Ministries will no longer be collecting pill bottles and we are not aware of anyone else who is at this time.

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