

March 19, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Call to Worship

L: We gather together in the name of the One who invites us to follow.

P: We gather together to hear the words of the One who is Love.

L: We gather together to sing praises of the One who teaches peace.

A: Come, let us worship!

**Opening Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, one in grace, one in glory, one in love – you call us to love and serve you as one people, united in heart, mind, spirit, and strength. Help us to love one another, living in unity and peace, working together in your Spirit for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH #454

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

Loving God, we give you thanks this day: for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson

Luke 19: 37-44

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Come to the Garden"

Chancel Choir
Ruth Elaine Schram

Sermon

"Giving It Up: Enemies"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH #128

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 19: 37-44 (NIV)

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace — but now it is hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

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.



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March 19, 2023 – Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickilne, Bruce Spittler, Brant Wickline
Greeters	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Acolyte	Logan Fleming, Luke Fleming
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Organist	Mike Klontz
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeck



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	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A-B
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 21	Lenten Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	5:30 pm	FCC
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	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
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Gospel Lesson

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John 11:1-45

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FAMILY NIGHT: Mark your calendars for March 26th! Our next family night will be on **Sunday, March 26th at 5:00 p.m.** Our theme this time is a game and pizza night. We will provide pizza and drinks. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share (optional). All are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, April 3, 2:00pm to 6:00pm.** You can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION: Please join us for an Easter Celebration **Sunday, April 9th, 2023.** A light breakfast will be served from 9:00 –10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. At 10:00 am there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Worship service begins at 10:30 am.

LENTEN OFFERING FOR VBS: During the season of Lent through **Easter Sunday, April 9,** 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 \$30 per child and our goal is to raise \$3000. VBS Offering Envelopes will be available on the table in the narthex or in the office. Please mark your check VBS. Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare to explore God's goodness.

JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES: Spring is arriving soon! It's time to think about helping the Jackson Area Ministries with their seed project again. The "JAM" program provides garden plants and seeds for the residents in need so they can provide veggies and fruits for their family. Please consider making a donation (mark checks J.A.M. project) and place in the offering plate or drop seed packets into the basket in the narthex through **Easter Sunday, April 9.**

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS: Educational Assistance Guidelines and application forms for FCUMC's Educational Assistance are available in the narthex and church office. This year assistance will be offered to graduating high school seniors who are contemplating entering a college or technical school in the fall of 2023 as well as to upper classmen currently enrolled in college. These forms must be completed and returned to the church office by the **April 16, 2023** deadline.



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