

July 2, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Pam Colbrunn

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Something new is stirring in our church, O Lord.

People: Help us to hear and see your new work in us.

Liturgist: Make us ready to receive what you have for us.

People: Open our hearts and renew our spirits.

Liturgist: Let us be the voice of welcome, the spirit of joy.

People: Let us be those who bring the life-giving waters to others. AMEN.

**Opening Hymn (v.1,3,4,5) UMH #100
"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God of mercy, we thank you for your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church. We ask that you make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries you place before us. Giver of everlasting life, fill us again with your spirit, for it is in Christ's name we pray. AMEN.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH #420

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.

Offering/Offertory Pam Colbrunn

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your love and grace. Through our ministries and our generosity, may others know your loving welcome and your gracious mercy. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Pam Colbrunn, vocal and piano solo
"Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone"

Sermon "Re-Presenting Christ" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

**Sending Forth

Postlude Pam Colbrunn

The Narthex Flowers are given by Harry and Alice Osman in honor of our Country's Independence.



The Altar Flowers are given by Stephen, David, Katherine, and Judy Eckstrand to honor the 100th anniversary of their mother Barbara Eckstrand's birth. She was a member of Faith Community church for 70 years. She loved her women's circle, Common Cup, and decorating the tables for special meals. We hold her memory in our hearts which sustains us through the days of our lives. For those who would like to pay their respects, Barbara and Gordon are buried together in Woodland Cemetery in Section M.

Scripture Reading – Matthew 10: 40-42 (NRSV)

Rewards

⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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.

July 2, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Chad Mossing, Gary Allen, Will Mossing
Greeter	Harry Osman, Alice Osman
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Guest Pianist	Pam Colbrunn



Monday 3	Boy Scouts Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15C Library
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Wednesday 5			
Thursday 6	Magic Volleyball Practice Prayer Shawl Woman's Club of Xenia	10:00 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm	FCC Parlor Parlor
Friday 7			
Saturday 8			
Sunday 9	Sunday School Worship Service	9:15 am 10:30 am	16A, FH 15C Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "A Bible Study on "The Screwtape Letters"."

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Next Sermon – Sunday, July 9

"Finding Rest"
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-30

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SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS: Your gift of Altar flowers enhances the worship service and reflects the beauty of God's World. If you sign up for flowers we can order them or you can order them from your favorite florist. You will receive a reminder call prior to the date. If you have any questions, please call the office or Joyce Smith (937) 372-6576 or Betsy Murray (937) 372-8376.

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