

August 13, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Footsteps of Jesus" Everett/Whitworth

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: O give thanks to the Lord!

People: Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

Liturgist: Sing to God, sing praises!

People: Rise up your song in our souls.

Liturgist: Tell of God's wonderful works!

People: Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

Liturgist: Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

People: We grow strong in your power and might.

Liturgist: Remember all that God has done!

People: You shape our lives through every challenge.

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!

People: We praise you, Lord!

**Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139

Opening Prayer (unison)

Eternal God, in visions and dreams, you offer us hope for a new tomorrow. Amidst life's storms and raging waters, be with us in our time of need. Reveal to us the great works we are capable of, that we may rise above our narrow purposes, and be of service to the world. Bless our journeys, that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Only Trust Him" (v. 1,3) UMH #337

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 Carol Stewart
"Faith is the Victory" Ira D. Sankey

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Victor Hess, vocal solo; Gene Foiles, piano
"Goin' Home" Anton Dvořák/William Arms Fisher

Sermon "Walking in Faith" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. by Marty Baxter

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14: 22-23 (NIV)

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 13, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	Dr. Paul Dillaplain, Elaine Hughes
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart



Monday 14	Worship Design Team Boy Scouts	4:00 pm 7:00pm	Pastor's Office Rm 15 C
Tuesday 15	Bible Study Dorcas Circle Mission Outreach	10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm	Parlor FH 15A-B Parlor
Wednesday 16			
Thursday 17	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 18			
Saturday 19			
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Sunday School Studies

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

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WOMEN'S GROUPS: DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tue., August 15 at 1:00pm** in FH 15A. WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Mon., August 21 at 1:30pm** in the Parlor. All women are welcome to attend either group.

XENIA CITYWIDE WORSHIP IN SHAWNEE PARK: On **Sun., August 20 at 10:30am in the Pavilion**, FCUM, along with several other churches in Xenia, will be suspending our regular Sunday morning activities 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. The guest speaker will be Kevin Jones from Cedarville University. There will be chairs set up in the pavilion. If you prefer to bring your own lawn chairs, please set them up outside of the pavilion. Please contact the office and give your name and phone number if you are interested in being a part of the "choir" or if you have a golf cart that you would be willing to use for a shuttle service.

ATTENTION ALL MEN: The Men of Faith will meet on **Mon., August 21 at 6:00pm** in the Library. Pizza will be provided. We are continuing our study *Rooted: Grow Deep, Live Strong*, followed by a meeting discussing the garden and garage sale projects, and other activities.

BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Mon., August 28, 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!

SHARING FAITH, BUILDING COMMUNITY: We are starting two new opportunities to help us live into our vision. **Meet & Eat:** We are looking for hosts to open their homes for our new Meet & Eat small groups where people will share their life of faith together. **Hospitality Team:** We are forming a team to start up a Hospitality Time before and after Worship Service to be offered in the Narthex. This team will help design the space and decide what will be offered to encourage conversations and build relationships. If you are interested in either opportunity, please contact Pastor Jeff (937) 372-7601 ext 13 or email PastorJeff@fcum.org.

PROACTIVELY PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE: Save the Date! The Unbroken Circle Committee invites you to the first in the series Proactively Planning for Your Future on **Sat., September 16, from 10-11am** in the Youth Lounge. Julie Wickline's presentation will be "Explaining Ohio's Advanced Directives."

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