

August 27, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude
"Thank You" Carol Stewart
Ray Boltz/Dave Williamson

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Our help is in God,
People: who calls us to worship.

Liturgist: Our hope is in love,
People: that calls us to care.

Liturgist: Come, let us bring our full selves to worship.
People: Let us bring our full love and care.

**Opening Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious and loving God, bless us with your presence as we worship this day. Bless us with your love as we grow in love and mature in faith. Bless us with your guidance as we give ourselves to you, to your church, and to your work in the world. Amen.

Children's Moments & Bible Presentation

Lyla Hirsch, Sadie Mahan, Luke Mossing, Logan Fleming, Judson Kennedy

Prayer Hymn "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" UMH #349

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
"I Surrender All" Carol Stewart
Winfield Weeden/Melody Bober

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God who always gives to each one of us the best, we thank you for this opportunity to share from our abundance. Help us to give as fully to you and to your world as you have given to us. Transform our gifts with your love, that they may become vessels of your love for others. Amen.

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music "God Gave Me a Song"
Ladies Trio: Joyce Smith, Pam Colbrunn, Suzanne Bandy

Sermon "A Living Sacrifice" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (v. 1,2,3,6) UMH #117

**Sending Forth

Postlude "Give of Your Best to the Master" Carol Stewart
Charlotte Barnard



*The Altar Flowers are given by Janet Schellin
in memory of her parents, Dr. Herbert and Helen Now.*

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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 27, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Organist	Carol Stewart



Pastor Jeff will be on vacation Monday, Aug. 28 – Monday, Sep. 4

Monday 28	Community Blood Drive	2:00 pm	FCC
Tuesday 29	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 30	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
Thursday 31	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 1			
Saturday 2			
Sunday 3	Sunday School Worship Service	9:15 am 10:30 am	Parlor, FH 15C Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

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

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study of "Vanishing Grace" by Philip Yancy.

Next Sermon – Sunday, September 3

"Coming Home"
Scripture Lesson

Guest Speaker, Victor Hess
Romans 12:9-21

NEW TIMES – Starting Sunday, September 10

Sunday School – 9:00am
Hospitality Time – 10:00am
Worship – 10:30am

August 27, 2023 Announcements

FAITH TEE SHIRTS ARE IN: You can pick up your shirts from Margaret Stidham on **Sunday, Aug 27 before and after Worship service.** If you still owe money, you can pay with cash or a check payable to the church. If you have any questions, please call Margaret at (937) 768-4503.

BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, Aug. 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!

IT'S KIT TIME: Festival of Sharing time is here. There are directions for School Kits and Hygiene Kits in the Narthex. FCUM will supply the school bags. We will be collecting filled kits through **Sunday, Sep. 24.** If you have any questions, please contact Scott or Carol (937) 372-1372.

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 **Saturday, Sep. 16, from 10-11am** in the Youth Lounge. Julie Wickline's presentation will be "Explaining Ohio's Advanced Directives."

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE RUNS FROM 6 TO 8 PM FRIDAY EVENING, SEP. 8 AND WILL CONTINUE SATURDAY MORNING, SEP. 9

FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON: Please no clothing, and please make sure electrical items are in working condition. Items may be dropped off at the Community Center Thursday, Sep.7 from Noon to 8 PM, or Friday Sep. 8 from 9 AM - Noon. If you need more information or have furniture/large items that you would like picked up early, call Bob at (937) 723-7787 or email robert.whipp@yahoo.com. We have storage in the garage and may post the items on Marketplace to sell ahead of the garage sale.

Please list major items you plan to donate and put in the offering plate, turn into the church office, or give to Bob Whipp.

1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE# _____ If pick up needed, check this box []

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