

September 3, 2023

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"America, the Beautiful" Samuel Ward/Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Call on God's holy name.

Liturgist: Sing praises to the Lord.

People: Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Liturgist: Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome power.

People: Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.

**Opening Hymn

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" (v. 1,2,4,5) UMH #100

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great I Am, you come to us in unexpected ways. Excite our curiosity, that we might turn aside and realize we are standing on holy ground. Appear to us in fire and wonder, that we might see worlds beyond the reaches of our imaginations. Reveal the glory of your kingdom—where love is genuine, where evil is forsaken, where mutual affection abides, and hospitality is shown to strangers, where all are made one. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" UMH #402

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

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" Carol Stewart
Scholtes/Wilson

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered and all the people here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation and world. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

Sermon

"Coming Home" Victor Hess

**Closing Hymn

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

**Sending Forth

Liturgist: Now go and live peaceably with others.

People: We will hold fast to what is good.

Liturgist: Honor what is just.

People: We will show mutual affection for all.

Liturgist: Go in peace with the blessings of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude

"This Is My Country" Carol Stewart
Al Jacobs/Fred Bock

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

September 3, 2023 - Worship Team

Guest Speaker	Victor Hess
Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart



Monday 4		LABOR DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED
Tuesday 5	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor	
	Trustees	6:30 pm	Parlor	
	SPRC	7:00 pm	Library	
Wednesday 6	GMR District 1 on 1's	9:00 am	Parlor	
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room	
Thursday 7	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor	
	Woman's Club of Xenia	1:30 pm	Parlor	
Friday 8	UMM Garage Sale	6:00 pm	FCC	
Saturday 9	UMM Garage Sale	9:00 am	FCC	
Sunday 10	Sunday School	9:00 am	Parlor, FH 15C, 11, 16A	
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Scripture Lesson

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Romans 13: 8-14

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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.

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE RUNS FROM 6 TO 9 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.

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