

October 8, 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
"Be Thou My Vision" Gene Foiles
A. Whitworth

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Bring your word to us, O Lord.

People: Jesus we want to meet you on this holy day.

Liturgist: Open our hearts to your healing love, God of mercy.

People: Save us and cleanse our hearts, lead and guide our acts of praise.

Liturgist: Challenge us to be your people.

People: Be with us this day, O Lord. Create us anew as people worthy of your name.

**Opening Hymn

"How Firm a Foundation" (v.1-4) UMH #529

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit, heavenly God, shine upon us with the wisdom of ancient words. Enlighten our minds, that we may perceive your presence. Strengthen our resolve, that we may press toward growth in love and faith. Help us grow closer to your likeness each and every day. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn
"Jesus Shall Reign" (v.1,2,3,5) UMH #157

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
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" Gene Foiles
A. Whitworth

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Blessed One, bless those who receive these gifts. Bless our words, our actions, and our gifts, that they may be blessings for your world. And bless these offerings and this time of worship, even as you strengthen this community of faith and the ministries of this church. Amen.

Scripture Reading Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Barry Kelley, vocal solo; Melody Kelley, guitar
"I Am a Child" Joe Perry

Sermon "Invitation to Relationship" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

**Sending Forth

Postlude
"He Leadeth Me" Gene Foiles
Lani Smith

Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 12-20 (NIV)

The Ten Commandments

20 And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die." ²⁰ Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

October 8, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Kiley Fleming, Wanda Boeckerman, Joyce Osburn, Sally Wallace
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Sandy Pramer
Guest Organist	Gene Foiles
Bells Director	Jim McPeck
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



Monday 9	Cub Scouts Boy Scouts	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FH 15 A-B FH 15 C
Tuesday 10	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 11	Handbell Practice Choir Practice	6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Music Room Sanctuary
Thursday 12	Prayer Shawl Grief Support Enneagram Course	11:00 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Parlor Parlor Library
Friday 13			
Saturday 14	Unbroken Circle Seminar	10:00 am	Rm 16 A-B
Sunday 15	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	Parlor, FH 15C, 11, 16A Narthex Sanctuary

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Scripture Lesson

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PROACTIVELY PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE: The Unbroken Circle Committee invites you to the second in our series, Proactively Planning for Your Future. Pete Stephen will be speaking about "The Advantages of Estate Planning" on **Saturday, Oct. 14th, 10:00-11:00am** in the Youth Lounge. We encourage you to come and bring along family and friends. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Oct. 16 at 6:00pm** in Room 16A-B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Pizza will be served. We are continuing our study, Rooted: Grow Deep. Live Strong, followed by a meeting discussing the garden and garage sale projects, and other activities. All men are urged to attend. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: WOMEN UNITED CIRCLE will meet on **Monday, Oct. 16 at 1:30pm** in the Parlor. DORCAS CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1:00pm** in FH 15A. All women are welcome to attend either group.

FALL FUN NIGHT: Let's all get together on **Sunday, Oct. 22, 5:00-7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall for Games, Food & Fun! (Food will be served at 5:30). All are welcome to come join the fellowship and festivities.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: We have yet to meet a woman, of any age, who doesn't crave just one night away from home ... a night filled with FRIENDS in FAITH, FUN and yummy FOOD! And so, we are excited to announce the start of the "Mary & Martha" gathering, the second Monday of EVERY month, here at Faith Community in the Community Center, from 6-8 pm. YOU deserve it! Our first gathering will be **Monday, Nov. 13, 2023**; *open to all *childcare provided *potluck meals to share *anonymous prayer concerns AND *women encouraging/supporting women. Join us at our soon to be Facebook Page. Reach out to Laurie Krakowiak at (937) 694-8114 or Barbara Mills at (937) 414-4108.

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