

February 18, 2024

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "How Great Thou Art" Carol Stewart
Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

Make your ways known to me, Lord.

Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth.

Teach it to me.

Because you are the God who saves us, we put our hope in you all day long.

Lord, remember your compassion and faithful love; they are forever.

**Opening Hymn

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (v.1,3,4,5) UMH #269

Opening Prayer (unison)

Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" (v.1,2) UMH #605

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

"Morning Has Broken" Carol Stewart
arr. by Fred Bock

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Trustworthy and trusting God, thank you for entrusting us with this good earth. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Help us live up to your trust, even as we learn to place our trust in you. Bless the gifts that we share, that they may honor the generosity you have shown us. In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music

"And No Bird Sang" Chancel Choir
Douglas Wagner

Scripture Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Chaos to Covenant" Rev. Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" UMH #480

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Chancel Choir

Postlude

"This is My Father's World" Carol Stewart
arr. by Rick Parks



The Altar Flowers are given in honor and appreciation of our dedicated Tech Team.

Scripture Reading – Genesis 9: 8-17 (CEB)

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, ¹⁰ and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. ¹¹ I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

¹² God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. ¹³ I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth’s creatures.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.”

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

February 18, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Micah Fleming, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Greeters	Bob Whipp, Pam Whipp
Liturgist	Mike Engle
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley

February

Monday 19	PRESIDENT'S DAY	OFFICE	CLOSED
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	Rm 16 A
	Cub Scouts	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15 C
Tuesday 20	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Missions CANCELLED	3:30 pm	Parlor
	Winter Guard Practice	4:00 pm	FCC
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C 16A
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	Special Olympics Basketball	6:30 pm	FCC
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Thursday 22	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
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Saturday 24	Double I	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
Sunday 25	Sunday School	9:00 am	Parlor, 8,11, 16A
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
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"Covenant to Relationship"
Scripture Lesson

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Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NIV)

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MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Feb 19 at 6:00 pm** in Room 16A-B (Community Center). All men are invited to join us. Pizza will be served. We will have a social time during the meal. We will then join the community sponsored Martin Luther King event. 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 not meet in January or February. DORCAS CIRCLE will not meet January – March.

DAY OF CARING PANCAKE BRUNCH: Come enjoy some delicious pancakes, sausage, fruit and a drink for \$7 (Age12-59), \$5 (Under 11 and 60+) at the Xenia Adult Recreation & Services Center, 338 S. Progress Dr., on **Sunday, Feb. 25 8:00am-1:00pm**. The National Day of Caring is a day set aside throughout the country to focus awareness on the homeless and hungry. All proceeds raised at XARSC this day support the XARSC Meals on Wheels program. Questions? (937) 376-4353.

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SIGN UP FOR MARCH 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 Church Office (937) 372-7601 or Joyce Smith (937) 609-3907.

CASSEROLE CARE-A-VAN: Do you know of someone connected to our church who could benefit from our Casserole Care-a-van providing them with a few meals? If so, get with me so that I can let you know the information that I will need to get this set up with our amazing Casserole Care-a-van volunteers. Julie Wickline (937) 207-8289.

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