

March 3, 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 Carol Stewart
"This Is My Father's World" Franklin L. Sheppard/Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship

Listen to the stars.

They tell God's glory!

They have no words.

Yet in their beauty, God speaks.

Listen to creation.

It sings God's song of peace.

**Opening Hymn "Lift High the Cross" (v.1-3) UMH #159

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all seasons, help us to refocus our attention on you and the ways in which you build up your beloved community.

Overtorn our lives and reorder them so that we may be in sync with you. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (v.1-3) 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

"Close to Thee"

Carol Stewart
Slias J. Vail

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you shape our lives with great beauty, showing us paths that lead to righteousness and blessing. We bring these gifts with grateful hearts, that you may use them to build your community of justice and righteousness. We offer you our very lives, knowing that you will lead us in the path of holy service. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Pam Colbrunn and Glen Shaw, vocal duet
"At the Table of the Lord" Jay Althouse

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19: 1-14

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Relationship to Intimacy" Rev. Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Closing Hymn

"How Great Thou Art" UMH #77

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"For the Beauty of the Earth" Carol Stewart
Conrad Kocher/Harold DeCou



The Altar Flowers are given by Debi Hall in memory of a dear friend, Stephanie Monnin who passed recently.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 19: 1-14 (NRSV)

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

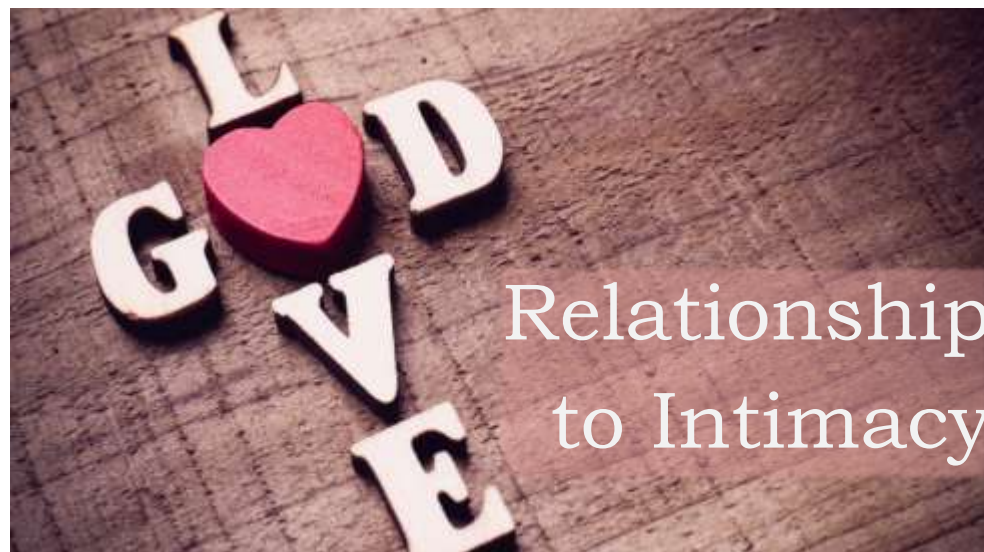
¹² But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

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

March 3, 2024 - Worship Team

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| Ushers | Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Don Wolf, Bob Whipp |
| Greeters | Becky Cultice, Laura Roby |
| Liturgist | Sandy Pramer |
| Organist | Carol Stewart |
| Bells Director | Jim McPeek |
| Choir Director | Melody Kelley |



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| Monday 4 | SPRC | 6:00 pm | Rm 6 |
| | Cub Scouts | 6:30 pm | FH 15 A-B |
| | Boy Scouts | 7:00 pm | FH 15 C |
| | Stephen Ministry | 7:00 pm | Library |
| Tuesday 5 | Bible Study | 10:00 am | Parlor |
| | Winter Guard Practice | 4:00 pm | FCC |
| | Magic Volleyball Practice | 6:00 pm | FCC |
| | Girl Scouts | 6:00 pm | FH 15 A,B,C, 16 A |
| | Trustees | 6:30 pm | Parlor |
| Wednesday 6 | Handbell Practice | 6:15 pm | Music Room |
| | Special Olympics Basketball | 6:30 pm | FCC |
| | Choir Practice | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary/Chapel |
| Thursday 7 | Prayer Shawl | 11:00 am | Parlor |
| | Woman's Club of Xenia | 1:30 pm | Parlor |
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| Friday 8 | Winter Guard Practice | 4:00 pm | FCC |
| Saturday 9 | Private Event | 2:00 pm | FH 15A |
| Sunday 10 | Sunday School | 9:00 am | Parlor, 8,11, 16A |
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Next Sermon – March 10, 2024

"Intimacy to Call"
Scripture Lesson

Suzanne Bandy
Ephesians 2: 1-10 (CEB)

EASTER FLOWERS



It is time to order your Tulips or Lilies for Easter Sunday. The flowers truly beautify the church for all the worshippers. Please place the order form and payment in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Monday, March 18, 2024**. Please indicate how many plants and if you want to order tulip(s) or lilies(s). The cost per plant is \$11.00. Make checks payable to Faith Community UMC, mark your check "Easter Flowers" in the memo and/or on your envelope. We need to have this form & payment in order to correctly place and record your order.

(#) _____ Tulips/_____(#) _____ Lilies (Amount paid _____ check or cash, please circle)

Given by: (Your name) _____

Given in honor of: _____

Given in memory of: _____



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BRING YOUR COINS NEXT WEEK: Coins for missions Sunday is **Sunday, Mar. 10**. Coins will go to the following Ministries supported by the FCUMC mission and outreach team: Bridges of Hope, Fish Pantry and Family Promise.

MARY & MARTHA GATHERING: Thank you to all the ladies who attended the February gathering. The night was SOUPER fun and we hope you all left with a renewed sense of faith and strength! Please join us for our next gathering, **Monday, Mar. 11 6:00-8:00pm**. In honor of Women's History month, our potluck theme is "Heirloom recipes". Please bring a dish (appetizer, side, main or dessert) that has been passed down from an important woman in your life! If you don't have time to make something, please don't let this stop you from coming. Questions, call Laurie Krakowiak @ (937) 694-8114 or Barbara Mills @ (937) 414-4108."

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MEN OF FAITH: The Men of Faith will meet on **Monday, Mar. 18 at 6:00pm in Room 8**. (Note this is a room change) All men are invited to join us. Pizza will be served. We will have an animated social time during the meal followed by a devotional from "God Calls You to More." We will then discuss our annual garden and garage sale projects as well as review the multiple charities we support financially. You can find more information in our Men of Faith pamphlet in the Narthex.

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SHAWNEE PARK EASTER EGG HUNT: Faith Community has the opportunity to contribute to the Easter Baskets that will be given away at the city wide egg hunt held at Shawnee Park on March 30. About 1,500 children are expected to attend this event with their families. This is a wonderful time for us to share the love of Jesus! If you would like to contribute, here are some popular items to purchase: Easter candy, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, coloring books/crayons, board books for preschoolers, sticker books for older children, bouncy balls, play dough, character band aids, sunglasses, toy cars, stuffed animals, fruit snacks, puzzles, frisbees, Bibles for children, Welcoming notes for each basket from our church. Place your items in the basket in the narthex **now through Sunday, Mar. 24**.

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