

June 9, 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 "I Love You, Lord" Carol Stewart
Laurie Klein/Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship

Sing of the ways of God.

Praise God for Christ's glorious love!

Give thanks for this steadfast love.

We worship with gratitude and joy!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

This love endures forever!

**Opening Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v.1-3) UMH #452

Opening Prayer (unison)

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness to us every day in ways that we do not always recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant watchful care over us. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes of caring for all people. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "God Will Take Care of You" UMH #130

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

*(Pastor: Together we cling to this truth, **All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**)*

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 How I Love Jesus" Carol Stewart
19th Century U.S.A Melody

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, in humble gratitude, we offer our gifts, celebrating your steadfast love that endures forever. As we acknowledge our human frailty, reassure us of your unwavering presence. Lead us in the work of your hands, empowering us to love as you do. Bless these offerings, magnifying your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

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

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music

"By Faith" Erika Stone, vocal solo and guitar
Keith and Kristy Getty and Stuart Townend

Sermon

"His Hands, Our Hands, His Hands" Rev. Jeff Bandy

Stephen Ministry Leader Commissioning

Judy Mahan

**Closing Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal" UMH #580

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"The Longer I Serve Him" Carol Stewart
William Gaither/Fred Bock



*The Altar Flowers are given by Debi Hall
in loving memory of her husband, Byrd.*

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:40-45 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Man With Leprosy

⁴⁰ A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

⁴¹ Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

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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June 9, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers

Bob Whipp, Edward Stidham,
Doug Wickline, Rick Smith

Greeters

Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Organist

Carol Stewart



Monday 10	Mary & Martha Gathering Boy Scouts	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC FH 15 C
Tuesday 11	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 12			
Thursday 13	Prayer Shawl Magic Volleyball Practice	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Parlor FCC
Friday 14 	FLAG DAY		
Saturday 15			
Sunday 16 	Sunday School Hospitality Time Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am	CC 16A Narthex Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Special Sunday School Class Sunday, Jun. 9 - Sunday, Jul. 14 – will meet in CC#16 A-B, leader Suzanne Bandy, study of **From the Inside Out: Discovering a Deeper and More Transformative Life with God by Carolyn Arends**. Double I and Open Doors will join this class.
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“Organic Faith”
Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Mark 4: 26-34 (NIV)

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to help in any way, please contact Betsy Murray at gmama9875@aol.com or (937) 768-1143 or Joyce Smith at jes1129@aol.com or (937) 372-6576.

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