

August 11, 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
"The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster/Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

May those who are grieving find comfort.

May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

May those who are waiting find hope.

May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

Let us worship the One who gives us life!

**Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

Opening Prayer (unison)

Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (see insert) TFWS #2193

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Loving God, who watches over us like a parent, delighting in our happiness and weeping over all the ways we harm one another, guide us. Nurture us. Empower us to be your peacemakers and mercy-bringers in this world.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (TFWS #2193)

Merciful God, our world is full of war, violence, injustice, and oppression. We are surrounded on all sides by misinformation, half-truths, and lies. Give us courage to tell the truth of your love, to protect the innocent, and to resist evil in every way it presents itself.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (TFWS #2193)

Gracious God, our neighborhoods are full of people who are struggling. Struggling to make ends meet, struggling to find stability, struggling to find community. Empower us to notice, to reach out, and to love our neighbors as you have called us to love.

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God of Hope, our lives are filled with so many reasons for despair.

Loneliness abounds, uncertainty overwhelms, and suffering feels constant. Fill us with the warmth of your love and inspire us to extend a hand, a hug, a smile, a gesture of connection in a disconnected world.

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The Triune God gives, receives, and extends Love to all. Let us with one voice share our confidence in this truth as we pray as Jesus taught us to pray:

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 Carol Stewart

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" Afro-American Spiritual

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you, that you may bless them. May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. Amen.

Ministry of Music Glen Shaw and Vic Hess, vocal duet

"Behold the Man" Owens/Fettke

Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-8, 17-19

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

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "Prayers of the People" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "This Is My Father's World" UMH #144

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Afro-American Spiritual



*The Altar Flowers are given by
Butch & Bev Smith in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary;
and by David & Jan Buck in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

Scripture Reading – Psalm 34:1-8, 17-19 (CEB)

34 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise will always be in my mouth.

² I praise the LORD — let the suffering listen and rejoice.

³ Magnify the LORD with me! Together let us lift his name up high!

⁴ I sought the LORD and he answered me. He delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed.

⁶ This suffering person cried out: the LORD listened and saved him from every trouble.

⁷ On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see how good the LORD is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

¹⁷ When the righteous cry out, the LORD listens; he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹ The righteous have many problems, but the LORD delivers them from every one.



Prayers of the People



Rev. Jeff Bandy

Office Hours M, T, TH 9:00am-3:00pm & by Appt.

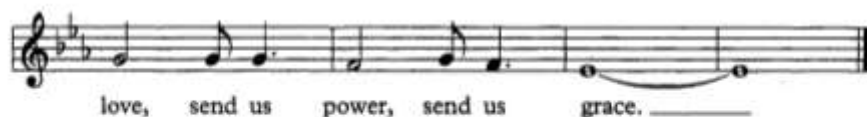
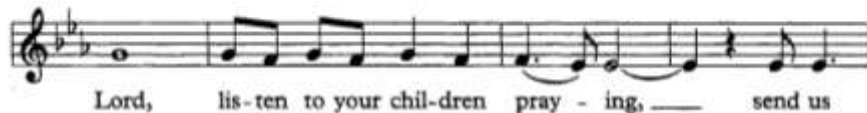
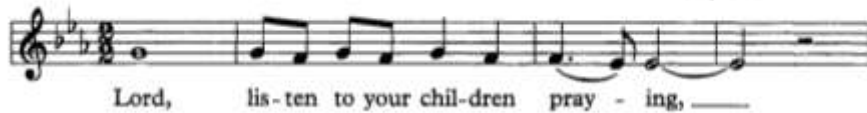
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August 11, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers

Gerald Mahan, Chad Mossing,
Edward Stidham, Margaret Stidham

Greeters

Glen Shaw, Carol Shaw

Liturgist

Joyce Smith

Organist

Carol Stewart



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Friday 16			
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MEN OF FAITH COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE: Get ready to shop on **Friday, Sep. 6 from 6:00-8:00pm** and **Saturday, Sep. 7 from 9:00am-Noon**. If you have furniture or large items to be picked up early, please call Bob Whipp at (937) 668-3137 or by email at Robert.Whipp@yahoo.com. Items can be dropped off Thursday, Sep. 5 from noon to 8:00pm and Friday, Sep. 7 from 9:00am-noon. We need Volunteers for pricing and stocking tables on Thursday and Friday, contact Bob Whipp if you are available.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!: Please Join Us **Saturday, Sep. 7, 2:00-4:00pm in FH 15A-B** for the Celebration of JoAnn Sidders' 100th Birthday, hosted by her daughters Keitha, Debbie and Vicki. (Vicki 850-524-0637)

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Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; _____



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love, send us power, send us grace. _____

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