

August 25, 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
"Thy Word" Michael Smith/Mark Hayes

**Call to Worship

God is our sun and our shield.

God's glory shines upon us.

God is our strength and our hope.

God's faithfulness guides us.

God is our hope and our salvation.

God's love and mercy welcome us.

**Opening Hymn "This Is the Feast of Victory" (v. 1-3) UMH #638

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn

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

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

"Fill My Cup, Lord" Carol Stewart
Richard Blanchard/Herbert Colvin

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Bread of heaven, thank you for nourishing us with your mercy and your grace. Thank you for blessing us to be your disciples—disciples who share freely with your world. May our gifts and offerings become food and blessings for your world. Amen.

**Gospel Reading

John 6: 56-69

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

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

Ministry of Music David Webber, trombone & vocal solo
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" William Runyan/Marilynn Ham

Sermon "Bread from Heaven" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring" UMH #644

**Sending Forth

Postlude "Wonderful Words of Life" Carol Stewart
Philip P. Bliss

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 2193

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____

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

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____ send us

love, send us power, send us grace. _____

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*The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn Bailey
in loving memory of her husband John.*

Scripture Reading – John 6: 56-69 (NIV)

⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many Disciples Desert Jesus

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit^{al} and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

August 25, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Chad Mossing, Gary Allen, Will Mossing
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart



Monday 26	Solvita Blood Drive SPRC Boy Scouts	2:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FCC Library FH 15C
Tuesday 27	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
Wednesday 28	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
Thursday 29	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
Friday 30	Private Event	4:00 pm	Sanctuary
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Scripture Lesson

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James 1: 17-27 (NIV)

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OUR BLOOD DRIVE DESPERATELY NEEDS YOU!!: We will have a blood drive on **Monday, Aug. 26, 2:00-6:00pm in FCC**. We have 52 slots available and only 21 people signed up! **WALK-INS WELCOME** or you can make a reservation for your preferred appointment time to donate by going to www.donortime.com or (937) 461-3220. Remember that your donation can save as many as **THREE** lives!

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!



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(Vicki 850-524-0637)



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