

April 19, 2026

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
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick/Jerry Ray

**Call to Worship

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

Christ meets us here.

Even when we become lost and disoriented,

Christ rescues us in our need.

Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

Christ warms our spirits.

Even when all light has faded to black,

Christ illumines our Way.

Let's praise Jesus for the work he does in us.

**Opening Hymn "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH #114

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lover of our souls, you meet us on the road of life and lift us from our pain and grief.

Heal our hardness of heart, and open our minds to the

subtleness of your ways and the grandeur of your kingdom.

During times of suffering and doubt, help us grow strong and true, through your enduring word. Reveal your presence to us and meet us where we are. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (see insert)

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 Carol Stewart
"Rescue the Perishing" William H. Doane

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, Receive our thanks for meeting us on the road and for quickening our spirits. Receive our praise for your

willingness to open your word to us and for enlightening our minds. May the gifts we bring before you now reflect the

stirring our hearts, as you heal the broken places in our lives.

May the offering we bring forth stir the hearts of those in need of your mercy and your grace. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 5:14-16

Special Music Teri Gray, vocal solo
"How Deep the Father's Love" Stuart Townend

Sermon "Shine a Light" Guest Speakers Jami Nathan & Four Friends

**Closing Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" (see insert)

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Love Lifted Me" Howard F. Smith



*Altar Flowers are given by Micah, Morgan & Logan Fleming
in honor of Eric & Kiley's 18th Wedding Anniversary.*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:14-16 (CEB)

¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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.

April 19, 2026 - Worship Team

Guest Speakers	Jami Nathan & Four Friends
Ushers	Chad Mossing, Will Mossing, Gerald Mahan, Jim Osburn
Greeters	Scott Jenkins, Carol Jenkins
Liturgist	Chad Mossing
Organist	Carol Stewart
Director of Music	Teri Gray
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



Monday 20	Women United Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor
	Versiti Blood Drive	2:00 pm	FCC
	Men of Faith	6:00 pm	CC 16A
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15C
	Cub Scouts	7:00 pm	FH 15A-B
Tuesday 21	Walking	9:00 am	FCC
	Tuesday Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
	Dorcas Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor
	Mission Outreach	3:30 pm	Parlor
	Girl Scouts	6:00 pm	FH 15A,B,C, CC 16A
Wednesday 22	Handbell Choir Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Chancel Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Chapel/Sanctuary
Thursday 23	Walking	9:00 am	FCC
	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Magic Volleyball Practice	6:00 pm	FCC
Friday 24			
Saturday 25	Violence Free Futures	9:00 am	FCC, Parking Lot, Bike Path
	SuperHero 5K		
	Double I Dinner	6:00 pm	FH 15A, Kitchen
Sunday 26	Sunday School	9:00 am	Rm 11, 15C, 16A, Parlor
	Hospitality Time	10:00 am	Narthex
	Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary

Sunday School Studies

Double I will meet in Rm 8, Leader Lucy Parsons, for a detailed study of the **"Book of Amos"**.

Open Doors will meet in the Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer, study of **"Journey Through the Bible, Acts of the Apostles"** by **Justo L. Gonzalez**.

Grades 6-12 will meet in CC 16A-B, Leader Lynn Engle.

Preschool – Grade 5 will meet in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mousing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

Next Sermon – Sunday, April 26

"Shout for Joy"
Scripture Lesson

Rev. Jeff Bandy
Psalm 100 (NIV)

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MEN OF FAITH: All Christian men are invited to join us on **Monday, Apr. 20 at 6:00pm in CC 16A**. Dinner will be served. We will have social time during the meal followed by a short Bible devotional from the book "God calls you to more". After the meeting we will have fellowship with board games and popcorn. Bring the game that you like to play with others. Look for reminder emails or have me ballcardkirk@gmail.com add you to our list.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: We will have a blood drive in the Community Center on **Monday, Apr. 20, 2:00pm to 6:00pm**. You can make an appointment to donate by going to www.VersitiDayton.org or call 800-388-GIVE (4483). A light meal will be provided for all donors. Remember that your donation can save as many as THREE lives!

VIOLENCE FREE FUTURES IS HOLDING A CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS 5K HERE AT FAITH COMMUNITY: Join us on **Saturday, April 25, 9:00-11:00am** and dress up as your favorite superhero and run, walk, or stroll in our Superhero 5K. This family-friendly event is perfect for all ages and even welcomes your furry friends. The cost is \$30 and you can register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Xenia/SuperheroCAPE5kWalkRun>. We will have prizes for best costume for individual and team! Race or Sponsorship Inquiries: Heather Culbreath (937) 376-8526.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: On **Sunday, Apr. 26, 2:30-4:30 at Fairhaven Church, 637 E. Whipp Road, Centerville**, the Greater Dayton Stephen Ministry Network is sponsoring a free presentation, open to all, on the topic of Mental Health First Aid. The speaker will be from New Creation Counseling. To learn more, contact Becky Cultice at culticer@sbcglobal.net or 937-376-5747.

HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY?: Life Line Screening will be here on **Monday, May 4, 9:00am-4:00pm** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today, Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001, Online: <https://lisa.social/hc> or Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607.

SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School will be on **Saturday, Jun. 13**

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE? To place a prayer request you can go to our website (fcum.org) and click on the Prayer Request link. Fill out the form with your name and email address, complete the request section with the information you would like us to pray about and then click on SEND MESSAGE. All requests are confidential and will be on our prayer list for seven days. If you feel your request was answered, please let us know by using the prayer request form. We want to thank God for answering your request. You may also email prayerchain@fcum.org. If you don't have access to the internet, phone requests can be made by calling Rosi Mackey at (937) 902-9022.



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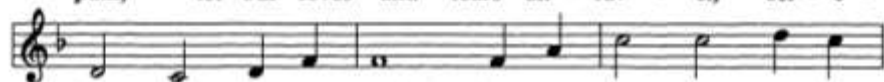
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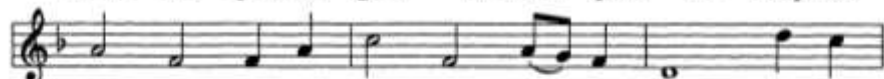
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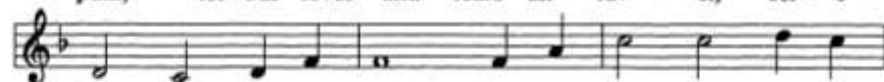
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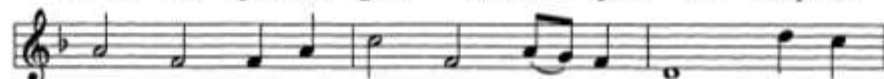
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