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Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day – May 9, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome		Rev. Josh deSteiguer
Lighting of the Candles		
Call to Worship		Jeanette Showalter
Opening Hymn	<p><i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – vs. 1 & 2</i></p> <p><i>Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!</i> <i>Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;</i> <i>holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,</i> <i>God in three persons, blessed Trinity!</i></p> <p><i>Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee;</i> <i>casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;</i> <i>cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,</i> <i>God ever living, through eternity.</i></p>	No. 4
Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
Child Dedication	<p><i>Alek Michael Warton – son of Brandon & Ashley Warton</i></p>	Dr. Mark Bender
Congregational Response		No. 364
	<p>O God, as a mother comforts her children, you strengthen, sustain, and provide for us. We come before you with gratitude, for the gift of this child, for the joy that has come into this family, and for the grace with which you surround them and all of us. As a father cares for his children, so you continually look upon us with compassion and goodness. Pour out your Spirit. Enable your servants to abound in love, and establish our homes in holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	1 Samuel 1:9-28	Claire Baer
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Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

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.

Special Music

Come to the House of the Lord – McCartha

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rejected or Rejoicing?

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly - vs. 1

No. 419

***All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Kathleen Lauck

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Jerry Johnson & Sally Hastings

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness - vs. 1

No. 86

***Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee,
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

Benediction

Rev. Josh deSteiguer

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of David Strickland given by Christian Church in the Southwest.

Sermon Notes

1. Stuck on replay

2. Choosing another path

3. From small beginnings

4. *Jolly Old...*

5. Channels of grace

Children's Sunday

The children of FCC will have the opportunity to take part in leading the 10:45 am worship service on **Sunday, June 13, 2021.**

During the summer quarter our children's ministry is focusing on the spiritual habit of sharing our story, and what better way to start doing this than with our church family!

The purpose of our kids taking over the worship service is to provide kids a platform – literally – to practice telling others about God! This is also a great opportunity for our church to witness what God is doing among the next generation!

If your child is interested in taking part in the worship service (there are both speaking and non-speaking roles), please contact Claire at 940-692-2282 or email her at claire@firstchristianwf.com.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 9 MOTHER'S DAY		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
2:00-4:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
NO	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
NO	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, May 10		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
10:00-11:00 am	YAS Music	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 11		
9:30 am	Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310/Zoom
10:00-11:00 am	YAS Music	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	World Outreach & Community Service Ministry Mtg	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
7:00 pm	Worship & Fine Arts Ministry Meeting	Sanctuary
Wednesday, May 12		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00-7:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, May 13		
7:30 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, May 14		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, May 15		

YAS End-of-Year Program

We would like to invite you to our **End of the Year Program and 'Moving on Ceremony'** on Tuesday, May 18th, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary or via live stream. The children have worked very hard on their "Mother Goose on the Loose" program.

A special "Thank You" to our board: Amber Branyan, Susan Buckley, Jennifer Duncan, Stephanie Lammers and Debbie Nelson. We would also like to thank Claire Baer and Dr. Mark Bender for their support and guidance this year. We are very blessed to have you!!

Young Ages will continue enrollment for 2020-21 school year throughout the summer. If you know of anyone looking for a morning preschool program for their 3, 4, or 5 year old, please tell them about our school. They can call 692-3640 for more information.