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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* – vs. 1, 3 & 4 No. 725

***God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.***

***From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.***

***Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39 and Galatians 5:13-15 Tim Williamson

Children's Message Claire Baer

Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message. Following the Children's Message, children ages 4 years thru 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Children can be picked up at the conclusion of the service in Room 402 (by the gym).

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

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

There is a Balm in Gilead – arr. Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Christian and the Pandemic

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

No. 403

***In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.***

***In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.***

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.

that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Cindy Hernandez

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Linda Cook & John Buckley

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 & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service – vs. 1 & 4

No. 461

***Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:***

we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone,

but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go

to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,

that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

The flowers this morning are given by Pam & Jerry Johnson in celebration of their 48 years of marriage.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Ezra Peter Grove Carlton born on September 28th.

Ezra is the son of Chelsea & Zak Carlton and grandson of Kris & Woody Gossom.

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Sermon Notes

1. Were The Beatles right?

2. An extended exploration

3. *What then?*...—five unanswerable questions

4. Astonishing confidence

5. Where do we go from here?

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 10		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402
Monday, October 11 COLUMBUS DAY		
	Children Come First & Young Ages Preschool Closed	
	Children Come First Training Day	
6:30 pm	Leadership Development (Nomination) Committee	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 12		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Tu-F)	
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (Tu-F)	
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	World Outreach Ministry Meeting	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 Ministry Meeting	Scout Hall
Wednesday, October 13		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
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
NO	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, October 14		
Friday, October 15		
9:00-10:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, October 16		

Read 2 Learn

Volunteers Needed

Read 2 Learn (a program to help second graders with their reading) at Fain Elementary is looking for volunteers starting on Tuesday, October 12. You don't need teaching experience, you just need to have a love of reading and kids. You can choose your time (about 1 hour) Mondays through Fridays, morning or afternoon. Call the counselor at Fain, Dell Baker 940-235-1148, for more info.



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