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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – October 17, 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 Sally Hastings

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* – vs. 1, 2 & 4 No. 66

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

***Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.***

***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render; O help us to see
that only the splendor of light hideth thee.***

Opening Prayer Cathy Biggs

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Gary Ballard

Children's Message Dr. Mark Bender

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

Tyler Thomas, violin; Emily Thomas, viola

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord – arr. Lloyd Larson

Sermon

Growing My Faith

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer – vs. 1

No. 570

***Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Cathy Biggs

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Gary Ballard & 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 & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Be Thou My Vision – vs. 1 & 2

No. 595

***Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

The flowers this morning are given by Sally & Robert Hastings in memory of Sally's parents, Norma & Joe Turner.

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Sermon Notes

1. Bumper sticker theology

2. A normal condition

3. Rooted and grounded

4. Have I engaged in a spiritual practice today?

5. A second grade experiment

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
NO	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 18		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00–10:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
10:00 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 1 Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Leadership Development (Nomination) Committee	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 19		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Zoom
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, October 20		
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
12:00-2:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 405
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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, October 21		
Friday, October 22		
9:00-10:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
	CCF Book Fair Begins (Oct. 22-Nov. 5)	Hallway
Saturday, October 23		

Children Come First Book Fair



We are excited that we are able to host a book fair again this fall from October 22 to November 5. We will have the fair set up in the hallway outside the Children Come First & Young Ages Preschool classrooms for shopping during the week and on Sundays. Look for the order forms and drop box.