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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion Sunday – October 3, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Claire Baer

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

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn No. 72

To God Be the Glory – vs. 1 & 3
***To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!
Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!***

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

Jeanette Showalter

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

One World, One Communion – Pepper Choplin

Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Christian and the Hungry

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Come Share the Lord – vs. 1 & 2a

No. 408

***We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Linda C. Carr

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Cheryl Smiley & Larry Spradley

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

In Christ There Is No East or West – vs. 1, 2 & 3

No. 687

***In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.***

***In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.***

***Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God are surely kin to me.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Clyde Markee given by Larry & Treva Spradley.

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Sermon Notes

1. The one time I was a waiter

2. The purpose of fasting

3. A quintessential concern

4. No substitute for...

5. An abundance mindset

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY / PANTRY SUNDAY / RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING		
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 4		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First “CCF” (M-F)	
9:00–10:00am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool “YAS” (M-F)	
10:45 am	YAS Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch	University United Methodist Church
6:00 pm	Leadership Development (Nomination) Committee	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 5		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
11:00 am	Whirlwind Cluster Ministers’ Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	Communications & Technology 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
7:00-9:00 pm	Square Dance Lessons	Gym
Wednesday, October 6		
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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, October 7		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Friday, October 8		
7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
5:45 pm	MSU Mustang Meal	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 9		



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RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING 2021



ISAIAH 56:1

REVEALING GOD'S JUSTICE

"The time is always ripe to do what is right."

-REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEPTEMBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 3RD

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Years ago, while walking to my predominately white middle school, I witnessed something that has been preserved in my memory for decades. Several yards ahead of me was Josette; a girl I barely knew. Although her skin color was the same as the majority of the students, her appearance was drastically different from other female classmates. She wore long dark skirts, sweaters, heavy black brogans, and often kept a scarf tied around her head (not a burka or hijab). As we approached the schoolyard, I could hear a few boys yelling at her. As I got closer, I heard these words: "Go back to where you came from you nasty Jew!", "You're ugly!", "Nobody wants you here!" There were other unkind statements. Even though I didn't know what a Jew was, I knew that their actions were wrong. I looked ahead, pretending to not hear or see anything, and went straight to my class.

The prophet Isaiah admonishes God's beloved in Isaiah 56:1 to, "Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed." Frequently, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminds us that "The time is always ripe to do what is right". The message is clear: We are to do what is right with the time God has given us. It is a precious gift like the gift of reconciliation through Christ Jesus. How I wish I had the courage to take time to do what was right on Josette's behalf.

The Ministry of Reconciliation offers each of us the opportunity to "do what is right". Your giving supports diversity & inclusion efforts through leadership development in our colleges and provides grants to ministry partners to further the work of anti-racism. It creates opportunities to heal our brokenness by promoting relationship-building through our One Bag of Tea program and by equipping congregations to be advocates for racial justice in their communities.

Yes! The time is always ripe to reveal God's justice. Thank you in advance for your generosity to Reconciliation Ministry!

Gracefully Submitted by,

Karon Alexander