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Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 27, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

Welcome

Claire Baer

Centering

Come and Find the Quiet Center – vs. 1
***Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes,
that we can see all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.***

No. 575

Call to Worship

Brooke Reid

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
***Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.***
***Here I raise to thee an altar, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.***
***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.***

No. 16

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

THE PROCLAMATION

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| Scripture Reading | John 12:27-36 | Claire Baer |
| Children's Message | | Claire Baer |
| Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer | | Brooke Reid |
| 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 | <i>God So Loved the World</i> – Stainer | Chancel Choir |
| Sermon | <i>Glorify Your Names</i> | Dr. Mark Bender |

THE RESPONSE

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| Communion Hymn | <i>Here at Thy Table, Lord</i> – vs. 1 & 2 Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel thee near, in loving power; calling our thoughts away from self and sin. As to thy banquet hall we enter in. Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread; fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead; that we may find in thee, pardon and peace; and from all bondage win a full release. | No. 384 |
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

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| Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution | | Scot Hafley |
| Prayers for the Bread & Cup | | Jerry Johnson & Kim Ballard |
| Music during Communion | <i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i> arr. Mallory | Chancel Ringers |
| 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 OFFERING

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| Moment for Mission | | Brooke Reid |
| Offertory | <i>O Worship the King</i> – arr. Dobrinski | Chancel Ringers |
| *Doxology | | No. 46 |

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory – vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 207

***In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.***

***When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.***

***Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there, that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Opal Noble given by Larry & Treva Spradley.

In memory of Judy Clymer given by Chelle McDonald.

In honor of Joan Stodghill given by Thomas & Carol Haines.

The flowers this morning are given by Sherry Tucker to the glory of God in the celebration of life and the renewal of spring.

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Sermon Notes

1. Spiritual but not religious

2. Two types of prayer

3. Immediate confirmation

4. In anticipation

5. Drawn more deeply

2022 HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Service

Moving to Darkness

April 14 | 7:00 pm |

Sanctuary and streaming live on Facebook Live and YouTube.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 14 at 8:00 pm to Friday, April 15 at 8:00 pm

Prepare your hearts for Easter through guided prayer and meditation. Join in this continuous "prayer chain" by signing up for a 30 minute time slot at fccholyweek.com.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

April 15 | 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

A brief prayer service will be held at 12:00 pm

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. Serving as a mini pilgrimage, this self-paced experience will allow you to move from station-to-station, recalling and meditating on a specific event from Christ's last day.

CALENDAR

| Sunday, March 27 | | |
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| 8:40 am | Worship Service | Chapel |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture | |
| 10:45 am | Worship Service | Sanctuary/ Livestream |
| 12:00 pm | Pastor's Class | Room 402 |
| 3:45 pm | Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults) | Stratten Hall |
| 5:00 pm | Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5) | Stratten Hall |
| 5:00 pm | Youth Activities (Grades 6-12) | Room 403/Gym |
| 6:00 pm | Young Disciples (Grades K-5) | Room 402/405 |
| Monday, March 28 | | |
| 7:30 am-6:00 pm | Children Come First "CCF" (M-F) | |
| 9:00 am-12:00 pm | Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F) | |
| 9:00 am | CCF Chapel | Chapel |
| 11:00 am | FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning | Room 310 |
| 6:00 pm | CCF Staff Training | Room 310 |
| 7:30 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 15 | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, March 29 | | |
| 10:00 am | YAS Music | Room 300 |
| 6:30 pm | Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention | Rooms 304-308 |
| Wednesday, March 30 | | |
| 7:00 am | Elders' Breakfast | Room 405 |
| 9:00 am | CCF Spanish | Room 300 |
| 10:00 am | YAS Music | Room 300 |
| 10:30 am | Sutton Lenten Bible Study | Room 310 |
| 1:00 pm | Stretch Class | Parlor |
| 5:30 pm | Brown Bag Fellowship | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 pm | Neighborhood Worship Service | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:00 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, March 31 | | |
| | 40 Days of Outreach: Meals on Wheels | |
| Friday, April 1 | | |
| 9:00 am | CCF Music | Room 300 |
| | Leave for DC Youth Retreat (Grades 6-12) (April 1-3) | Athens TX |
| 6:00 pm | First Friday at First | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday, April 2 | | |
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Off-Site Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at the Paul Irwin Center on Monday, April 4, at 6:30 pm! There are multiple ways that you can volunteer! You can help fill eggs with candy (we have 1,000)! You can come to the Paul Irwin Center (115 E Wichita St.) at 5:30 pm on the 4th to help set out eggs. You can also volunteer to run a game or activity! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Claire.

Church Board Meeting

The First Christian Church Board (Elders, Diaconate, Ministry Chairs, and Officers) will hold their quarterly Board meeting in the Fellowship Hall on April 5 at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday

The April collected items will be: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.