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## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 14, 2022

### THE GATHERING

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

Prelude (10:45) *The Lord's Prayer* - Malotte Melissa Ward, soprano

Welcome and Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* – vs. 1 & 3 No. 622

***Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;  
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.***

***When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.***

Opening Prayer Dr. Mark Bender

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-32 Dr. Mark Bender

Blessing of the Backpacks Claire Baer

Congregation: **May these backpack tags remind you that God is always with you. As you sit and as you stand, as you learn and as you play, in every fear and every celebration, may you know that God, your friend, is always there. May they also remind you of this church and our promise to hold you in our prayers and support you as you learn and grow.**

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.**

**THE RESPONSE**

Communion Hymn

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* – vs. 1 & 3

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.***

***All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
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

Polly Tonemah

Prayers for the Bread &amp; Cup

Jerry Johnson &amp; Harry Tonemah

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

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory

*God So Loved the World* – Stainer/Wentworth

Laura Pease, oboe

\*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 &amp; Invitation to Discipleship

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me* – vs. 1 & 2

No. 559

***All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.***

***All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;  
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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### **Memorials and Honors**

The flowers this morning are given in honor of Brooke Reid's graduation from Truett Seminary on Friday, August 12, 2022, with love by her parents, Kay & Doug Reid.

Sue Nunn, a longtime member of First Christian Church, has passed away. The Congregation is invited to attend a "Celebration of Life for Sue" this Thursday, August 18, at the River Bend Nature Center from 5-7 pm. Please stop by to visit the family and remember Sue's life.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Pleasantly surprised

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2. Taking it at face value

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3. Rhetorical questions and impossible questions

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4. How? Three ways...

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5. Take care

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**Giveaway for MSU International Students**

Help us welcome our international students to MSU and the Wichita Falls community. We hope that you are continuing to fill the MSU International Students welcome baskets. Thank you to the members that have already returned their filled baskets. Our giveaway is scheduled for the afternoon of this Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. We have received word from MSU that they are expecting 106 students. Monetary donations are also being accepted, and the FCC Outreach committee will do the shopping for you! If you have a completed basket to return, please bring it to the church by Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in the distribution of the baskets on August 18<sup>th</sup>, please let the church office know. Thank you all for your generosity to this mission project.



**Stretch Class**  
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm  
Parlor  
Cost: \$5.00 donation

## CALENDAR

Sunday, August 14 Promotion Sunday		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, August 15		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
6:30 pm	Vision Team Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troup 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, August 16		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
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,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, August 17		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
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, August 18		
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
Friday, August 19		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, August 20		

### Join the Choir!

Chancel Choir begins again this Wednesday, August 17, at 7:00 pm in Stratten Hall. We rehearse several anthems each week to prepare for worship, and choir is open for those from high school to senior adult. If you like singing, enjoy fellowshiping with others, and like serving in worship, choir is for you! You don't have to have a "solo" voice, just a desire to make a joyful noise! We hope to see you on August 17!

### WFISD Prayer Walk

Each year, churches in our community gather on every campus of the Wichita Falls ISD to spend a few minutes in prayer as another school year begins. Join us for the WFISD Prayer Walk at Fain Elementary, Zundy Elementary, or another school of your choice, this Sunday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. Our hope is that each campus, and all students, teachers, and administrators be covered in prayer at the start of this new school year!

### Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday

Interfaith is in need of regular size paper grocery sacks. The August collected items are Spaghettios and toilet paper.

### Acolyte Training

Do you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in becoming an Acolyte? We will have a New Acolyte Training on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.