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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - September 25, 2022

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome and Call to Worship Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth – vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5

No. 56

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32

Children's Message Claire Baer

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.

Anthem A Jubilant Song – Pote Chancel Choir and Brass Quartet

Sermon The Game of Life Rev. Bobby Hawley

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *I Come with Joy* – vs. 1, 2 & 3

No. 420

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Kerry Roach

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Harry Tonemah & Polly 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

Set Me As a Seal – Childs

Chancel Choir; Matthew Luttrell, trombone

*Doxology

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

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised – vs. 1 & 3

No. 612

No. 46

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou quardian of my soul.

Benediction	Rev. Bobby Hawley
Postlude	Debbie Watson

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Brass Quartet: Brian Frances and Mike Shelton, trumpets; Dr. Matthew Luttrell and Rodney Bennett, trombones

Memorials and Honors

The flowers this morning are given by Susan & John Buckley in honor of the birth of Calvin Spencer West, Kay & Richard McQuiston's 68th Wedding Anniversary, and Meredith & Matt West's 3rd Wedding Anniversary.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Calvin Spencer West, who was born on September 18th. Calvin Spencer is the son of Meredith & Matt West, grandson of Susan & John Buckley, great-grandson of Kay & Richard McQuiston and nephew of Ainslee Buckley.

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Announcements

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CALENDAR

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Sunday, Septen	nber 25				
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel			
9:30 am	Sunday School				
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor			
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream			
12:00 pm	Fellowship Luncheon	Fellowship Hall			
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			
5:30 pm	Parenting the Love & Logic Way	Room 310			
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402/405			
6:00 pm	New Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall & Zoom			
Monday, Septer	nber 26				
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			
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall			
Tuesday, Septer	mber 27				
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310			
6:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting	Room 310			
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308			
Wednesday, Sep	otember 28				
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405			
9:00 am	CCF to Pumpkin Patch	University United Methodist Church			
10:15 am	Sheri Sutton's Bible Study: "What's So Amazing About Grace?"	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, Septe	mber 29	·布里及3.6%			
5:00 pm	College Bible Study	TBD			
Friday, Septemb	per 30	TOR WAR THE			
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300			
Saturday, Octob	er 1				

Coats for Kids

FCC started the Coats for Kids outreach ministry in 1998, when we gave 289 coats to children from kindergarten thru 8th grade. We now focus on children in Head Start thru 5th grade. In the past 23 years, we have donated over 12,700 coats to children in the WFISD. We hope to donate approximately 600 coats in 2022. With the coats that have already been purchased and the funds presently in the Coats for Kids account, we believe we can do that with an additional \$6,500. So we are asking you, the congregation, to help us meet this goal. Our fundraiser begins NOW! Thank you for your generous support!