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Fourth Sunday of Epiphany – January 29, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

O God of Vision – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 288

***O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us a new life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.***

***Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore you.***

***Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken.
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
offering our lives as the token.***

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 11:24-28

Brooke Reid

Children's Message

Dr. Mark Bender

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.

Anthem *And the Father Will Dance – Hayes* Chancel Choir

Sermon *Generously, Not Sporadically* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *Take Our Bread* No. 413

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Father we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set.

yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.

We are the sign of your life with us yet,

we are yours, we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you.

Take our lives, O Father we are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,

Spirit filled yet hungry we await your food.

We are poor, but we've brought ourselves the best that we could;

we are yours, we are yours.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Bill Jennings

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Linda C. Carr & Robert Hernandez

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 Brooke Reid

Offertory *The Prayer of St. Francis – Pote* Chancel Choir; Brianna Boone, solo

*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 *Here I Am, Lord – vs. 1 & 3* No. 452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Patt Giddings given by Jo Ella Rice, Dan & Carole Davis, Nick & Linda Gipson, Sandra & Marion Beard, Mary Ann Henry, Open Door Class.

In memory of Debbi Schmidt by Alan Freeman, Dan & Carole Davis, Kerry & Sharon Roach, Jo Ella Rice, Nick & Linda Gipson.

In memory of Lita Watson given by Dan & Carole Davis, Nick & Linda Gipson, John & Ann Kable, Open Door Class.

In memory of Christopher Rodgers (son-in-law of Sherry Tucker & Eddie Tucker) given by Nick & Linda Gipson, Kerry & Sharon Roach.

In memory of Carol Allred (mother of Ann Kable) given by Dan & Carole Davis.

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Lita H. Watson, Mom & Grammy, by her family.

Sermon Notes

1. Mistakes I've Made

2. Easy to be consumed

3. Diligent goodness

4. Five things you can do with money

5. Imagine...

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29		
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
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 Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, January 30		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 31		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
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, February 1		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	MSU Mustang Meal & Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402/405
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, February 2		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
6:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
6:30 pm	Manners Matter	Fellowship Hall
Friday, February 3		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
9:30 am	Memorial Service for Susan Ross Black	Chapel
Saturday, February 4		

Church Board Meeting

Sunday, February 5
12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary
To Vote on the 2023 Budget

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 12
12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary
To Vote on
the 2023 Board & Budget

Mark Your Calendars for a Book Signing for *Songs of Faith and Hope* by Sheri A. Sutton

Join Sheri Sutton on Sunday, February 12, in the church library between 9:00-10:45 am for a book signing of her newest release, *Songs of Faith and Hope*. This collection of forty meditations is inspired by twenty-three Davidic psalms that contain a message of *hope* found in a *faith* spurred by God's grace and love.

Books will be available for \$15. *Songs of Faith and Hope* is also available on www.amazon.com/author/sheriasutton.