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Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Call to Worship

*Christ, You Often Sat at Dinner**

***Christ, we know that you are able to bring healing through your cross;
Bring together at your table all for whom you paid the cost.
Though the feasting in your kingdom may still seem so far away,
May we share your meal of welcome as we wait that glorious day.***

Welcome

Claire Baer

Opening Hymn

*When You Show Up at a Dinner**

***When you show up at a dinner thinking you have quite the name,
do not take the place of honor, for you might be put to shame.
For the host may greet you, saying, "Someone else is sitting here!
There's the place you will be eating – at the table, in the rear."***

***When you show up at a dinner, here's the thing that you should do:
Find the low seat and be humble, then the host may say to you,
"Friend, move up! Your place is higher!" You'll be honored, all around!
For the meek will be made greater and the great will be cast down.***

***And when you're the one inviting, here's the guest list, to be sure:
Don't invite your friends and siblings, but instead, invite the poor.
Welcome in the sick and struggling who can never once repay.
Your reward will be in heaven come the Resurrection Day.***

***Jesus, may we hear your teaching, for your goal was not to shame
but to help us catch the vision of the blessings of God's reign.
There will be a great reversal and we all will be surprised!
Make us kind and meek and humble! Change our ways, Lord! Change our lives!***

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	Luke 14:15-24	Jeanette Showalter
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Pastoral Prayer & 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	<i>The Whisper</i> – Courtney	Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>The Table Is Set</i>	Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn	<i>Here at Thy Table, Lord</i> – vs. 1 & 2 <i>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.</i> <i>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.</i>	No. 384
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution		Polly Tonemah
Prayers for the Bread & Cup		David Collins & 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	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i> – arr. Martin	Chancel Choir
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

The Church's One Foundation – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 272

***The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.
Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Peggy Fitts given by Jacquetta Graves.

The flowers this morning are given by Treva & Larry Spradley to celebrate our 34th Wedding Anniversary.

Sermon Notes

1. The best meal you've ever eaten

2. Presentation or people?

3. Party preparation

4. Jesus' table fellowship

5. Intentional investment

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent		
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	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 Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403 & Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402 & 405
Monday, March 27		
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
2:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 28		
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, March 29		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:30 am	Sheri Sutton's Lenten Bible Study	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	At the Table: Soup Supper & Communion	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Lenten Electives:	
	<i>Walk with Jesus</i> Bible Study with Sheri Sutton	Room 310
	<i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</i> with Mark Bender	Fellowship Hall
	<i>Understanding Prayer</i> with Brooke Reid	Room 305
	<i>Letters from Jerusalem</i> (for our young friends) with Claire Baer	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, March 30		
Friday, March 31		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, April 1		

Help Make the Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

Palm Sunday is one week away and that means our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be here before we know it! We will also be partnering with The Housing Authority of Wichita Falls to host an egg hunt on Tuesday, April 4, from 6:00-7:00 pm. There are a number of others ways you can help!

- You can help lay out eggs after the 10:45 am worship on Palm Sunday.
- You can help lay out eggs at the Housing Authority at 5:15 pm April 4th.
- You can help with a craft or game on April 4th.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Claire for more information!

EASTER FLOWERS

\$13.00 each

We will be using a variety of Spring flowers to decorate on Easter Sunday. If you would like to furnish an arrangement in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it with your check in the offering plate or to the church office.

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