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Third Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

David Diebold

Welcome & Call to Worship

Claire Baer

Opening Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save – vs. 1, 2 & 3

No. 85

***Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and grave for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.***

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:35-41

Dr. Mark Bender

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 *Be Not Afraid* – Courtney Chancel Choir

Sermon *Peace, Be Still* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *Come and Find the Quiet Center* – vs. 1 & 3 No. 575

***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.***

***In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Scot Hafley

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Chris Showalter & Fred Gentry

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness – arr. Schraeder

Diane Keep, 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

We Have Heard a Joyful Sound – vs. 1, 2 & 4

No. 479

***We have heard a joyful sound, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
spread the gladness all around, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
bear the news to ev'ry land, climb the steeps, and cross the waves,
onward, 'tis our Lord's command, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.***

***Waft it on the rolling tide, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
tell to sinners, far and wide, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
sing, ye islands of the sea, echo back, ye ocean caves,
earth shall keep the jubilee, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.***

***Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
shout salvation, full and free, highest hills and deepest caves,
this our song of victory, Jesus saves, Jesus saves.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Response

Be Still My Soul – vs. 2
***Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.***

No. 566

Postlude

David Diebold

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Memorials and Honors

Sermon Notes

1. Frightened by the past

2. Same day

3. Night terror(s)

4. The third character

5. Why we fear miracles

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23		
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	First Things	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 Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 405/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
Monday, April 24		
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
2:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 25		
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, April 26		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
11:00 am	YAS Board Meeting	Parlor
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (Pre-K-5)	Room 402
6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 305
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, April 27		
Friday, April 28		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, April 29		
9:00 am	Elder Training	Room 310

Sunday Night Fellowship Live!

Three years ago during the pandemic, one of the ways we stayed connected as a church family was through a weekly offering called Sunday Night Fellowship Live. We played games, competed in trivia contests, and more – all while having a good time. Well, we are going to bring that back for one night only, live and in-person! Invite your friends and join us April 30 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of laughter and friendly competition. Let us know you are coming by making your RSVP at: firstchristianwf.com/snfl

All Church Birthday Lunch Benefitting Youth Mission Trip

On Sunday, May 21st at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, we will enjoy a luncheon with all the tables decorated for each month. What we need right now are volunteers. You can decorate a table with a theme for a certain month and/or provide a cake that will be auctioned off. You do not have to do both. Please call Colleen James at 940-704-2294 if you can decorate and/or provide a birthday cake.