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Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service – vs. 1, 3 & 4

No. 461

***Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.***

***As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.***

***Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show,
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.***

Opening Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Brooke Reid

Children's Message

Dr. Mark Bender

Pastoral Prayer & 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 *Down to the River to Pray* – arr. McDonald Chancel Choir
Sermon *Set Free* Dr. Mark Bender

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 Kim Ballard
Prayers for the Bread & Cup Rick Appling & 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 Brooke Reid
Offertory *There Is a Balm in Gilead* – arr. Helvey 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 *Be Thou My Vision* – vs. 1, 2 & 4 No. 595
*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Clyde Williford given by Diane Jaccard, Gary & Patty McLendon, Mike & Diane Spiller.

In memory of Lou Murdock given by Judy Muir.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Phillip Dean Henderson born on April 24th. Phillip Dean is the son of Katie Beth & Jeff Henderson, little brother of Penny Jo, grandson of Stephenie & Keith Koontz, and great-grandson of Lois Willis.

Sermon Notes

1. Draft stories

2. Same as always

3. The "oughts"

4. Reversal of fortune

5. What are we aiming for?

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30		
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	Sunday Night Fellowship Live	Fellowship Hall
Monday, May 1		
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
5:30 pm	ComTech Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 2		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
5:30 pm	MSU Mustang Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, May 3		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
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, May 4		
Friday, May 5		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, May 6		

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.

Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday

The **May** items are small cans of chicken and spaghetti sauce. **Interfaith is in need of regular size paper grocery sacks.** You may drop off any of the monthly requested items or paper sacks at any time in the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance.

If you would like to support Interfaith with a financial gift, you may mail your donation to Interfaith (1101 11th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301), or donate on their website.