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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost– July 2, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dr. Mark Bender
Opening Hymn	<i>God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand – vs. 1, 2 & 4</i>	No. 725

***God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.***

***Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.***

***Refresh thy people on our toilsome way;
lead us from night to never ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.***

Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
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THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	John 17:20-23	Claire Baer
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 *America the Beautiful* – arr. Danner Chancel Choir
Teresa Archambo, director

Sermon *Declaration and Address* Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn *This Is My Song* No. 722

***This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.***

***My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution Kim Ballard

Prayers for the Bread & Cup Gary Ballard & Robert Hernandez

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

Common Confession

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory *We Are One* – 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 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 677

***Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.***

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations:
let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In honor of the Costello Family given by Dave Hartman.

Sermon Notes

1. Why I'm a Disciple

2. Comparing the Declarations

3. Jesus' Prayer

4. The "plea"

5. Unity...so that

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402/405
Monday, July 3		
	Children Come First Closed	
3:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, July 4		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed	
Wednesday, July 5		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (W-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
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 (PreK-Grade 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
Thursday, July 6		
Friday, July 7		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, July 8		

July 4th Holiday Closings

Children Come First "CCF" will be closed Monday, July 3rd. The Church Building, Offices & CCF will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. All reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!

Friday, July 14th
7:00 am, Hwy Café, 2808
Jacksboro Hwy.

MSU International Student Basket Giveaway

Once again we have the opportunity of welcoming new international students to Wichita Falls and MSU by putting together baskets of items to them get started! We will be preparing baskets for students who will be living in **apartments**.

Baskets are available for pick-up starting today. Please do not return filled baskets until after July 14th. The deadline to return the baskets is August 20th.

Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday

The **July** items are macaroni & cheese and cans of soup. **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.