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## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost– July 30, 2023**

### **THE GATHERING**

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Brooke Reid
Opening Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah – vs. 1 &amp; 3</i>	No. 622
	<b><i>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.</i></b>	
	<b><i>When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; bear me through the swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.</i></b>	
Opening Prayer		Jeanette Showalter

### **THE PROCLAMATION**

Scripture Reading	John 6:22-35	
Children's Message		Jeanette Showalter
Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer		Rick Appling

Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness.

As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day. Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty. We think especially of those who are facing critical food shortages; who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation; and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from You, As we pray the prayer he taught us to pray:

**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.**

Special Music                      *It Is No Secret What God Can Do* – Hamblen                      Ray Ensrud, solo

Sermon                                      *The Beatitudes: Those Who Hunger and Thirst*                      Brooke Reid

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn                      *Break Thou the Bread of Life*                      No. 321

***Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst bread the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,  
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.***

***Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.***

***O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;  
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;  
give me to eat and live with thee above;  
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution  
Prayers for the Bread & Cup  
Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Kathleen Lauck  
Alan Freeman & Rick Appling

*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  
Offertory  
Doxology

Jeanette Showalter  
Debbie Watson  
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

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

*Fill My Cup, Lord* – vs. 1 & 2

No. 351

***Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy;  
and then I heard my Savior speaking: "Draw from my well that never shall run dry."  
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more – fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!***

***There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasure earthly things afford;  
but none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.  
Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more – fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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**Memorials and Honors**

**Sermon Notes**

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30		
8:00 am	Young Disciples leave for DC Kids Camp (7/31-8/4)	Athens TX
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
NO	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402/405
Monday, July 31		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
3:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, August 1		
NO	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
3:30 pm	CCF—Kona Ice	Parking Lot
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, August 2		
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 (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, August 3		
Friday, August 4		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, August 5		

## ***Are We Ready?***

### **August Adult Forum**

1. Why do people need Christ?
2. Why do people need the church?
3. Why do people need *this* particular church?

These questions, along with the question, "What does the Good Confession ask of us?" will be our focus at the August Adult Forum on Sundays August 13, August 20, and August 27 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Join your church family for these conversations on what it means to say a good word for Jesus Christ.

## **Support Coats for Kids**

FCC started Coats for Kids outreach ministry in 1998, when we gave out 289 coats. In the past 23 years we have donated over 13,100 coats to children in the WFISD. We hope to donate around 600 coats in 2023.

With the coats that have already been purchased, and the funds presently in the Coats for Kids account we believe we can do that with an additional \$6,500. We are asking you, the congregation, to help us meet this goal. As you know, inflation has driven our coat prices up, so we are hopeful to meet our goal this year beginning TODAY! Thank you, for your generous support as your gifts make this all happen!