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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 6, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dr. Mark Bender
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	No. 16

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.***

***Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.***

Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
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THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<i>Song of Zechariah</i>	No. 137
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Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set the chosen people free.

God has raised up for us a mighty savior from the house of David.

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us;

to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember the holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our ancestor Abraham,

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship without fear,
holy and righteous in God's sight, all the days of our life.**

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

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.**

Special Music

Sarah & Davidson Cook

Sermon

The Beatitudes: The Merciful

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together – vs. 1 & 2

No. 425

***Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Woody Gossom

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Robert Hernandez & Teresa Archambo

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

Brooke Reid

Offertory

Debbie Watson

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

All the Way My Savior Leads Me – vs. 1 & 2

No. 559

***All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.***

***All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a thirst may be,
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;
gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

Sermon Notes

1. What it takes to say "no"

2. The turning point

3. The Messiah's call

4. Understanding the fifth beatitude

5. Acts not attitude

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 6		
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 End of Summer Pool Party (Grades 6-12)	
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Rooms 402/405
Monday, August 7		
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
5:30 pm	ComTech Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, August 8		
9:30 am	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 9		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	CWF Budget Meeting	Room 405
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 10		
Friday, August 11		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
6:00 pm	Youth Lock-In Begins	
Saturday, August 12		
9:00 am	Youth Lock-In Ends	

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!

Friday, August 11th
7:00 am, Hwy Café, 2808
Jacksboro Hwy.

Interfaith Outreach Services Pantry Sunday

The **August** items will be large jars or cans of spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, and saltine crackers. 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.

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!