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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 13, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Brooke Reid
Opening Hymn	<p><i>God of Grace and God of Glory – vs. 1, 4 &amp; 5</i></p> <p><b><i>God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be strengthened with all Christ like graces pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.</i></b></p>	No. 464

Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
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### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<p><i>Song of Zechariah</i></p> <p><b><i>Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free.</i></b></p> <p>Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set the chosen people free. <b>God has raised up for us a mighty savior from the house of David.</b> Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us; <b>to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember the holy covenant.</b> This was the oath God swore to our ancestor Abraham,</p>	No. 137
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**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 and Backpack Blessing

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

*You Knew Me - Shackley*

Diane Keep, solo

Sermon

*The Beatitudes: The Merciful*

Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

*One Bread, One Body – vs. 1*

No. 393

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.***

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Robert Hernandez

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Gary Ballard & Kim Ballard

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

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

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

No. 589

***Lord, I want to be a Christian in a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be Christian in a my heart.  
In a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in a my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be more loving in a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in a my heart.  
In a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in a my heart.***

***Lord, I want to be like Jesus in a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in a my heart.  
In a my heart, in a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in a my heart.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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### Memorials and Honors

In honor of the "B" Team given by Liz Vernon.

The flowers this morning are given by Gary & Kim Ballard in celebration of their 47<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and the August birthdays of their granddaughters, Clara-Grace and Campbell Dabbs.

**Sermon Notes**

1. What it takes to say "no"

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2. The Messiah's call

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3. The turning point

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4. Understanding the fifth beatitude

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5. A heart transplant

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, August 13 Promotion & Backpack Blessing Sunday		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / August Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
5:00 pm	Youth End of Summer Pool Party (Grades 6-12)	4508 Weeks Park Ln
5:45 pm	Young Disciples "Back to School" Pool Party (Grades K-5)	3200 Hamilton Blvd
Monday, August 14		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	Christian Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	Room 310
11:30 am	Fain Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Fain Elementary
3:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
5:00 pm	CCF "Meet the Teacher"	Classrooms
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, August 15		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, August 16		
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
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal & Dinner	4902 Andria
Thursday, August 17		
Friday, August 18		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, August 19		

## Chancel Choir Resumes

Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, August 16, at 6:30 pm with a dinner at the Showalter's home, 4902 Andria. We'll have barbeque brisket, sausage, turkey and side dishes. Chancel Choir is a group of people who enjoy singing, and who enjoy leading in worship. You don't have to be a soloist: just someone who like to sing. We invite you to join us on August 16. Just be sure to let Jeanette know that you're coming by calling her at: 940-781-5199, or emailing her at: [firstchristianmusic@gmail.com](mailto:firstchristianmusic@gmail.com).

## Support Coats for Kids

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!