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## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost– August 20, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome & Call to Worship Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn No. 15

*Rejoice, You Pure in Heart – vs. 1, 2 & 3*  
***Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;  
your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,  
raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

***With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

Opening Prayer Brooke Reid

### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Brooke Reid

*James 4:4b-8*

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 Justin Smith, solo

*How Great Thou Art - Hine*

**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 loved 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

Emily Wilson

Prayers for the Bread &amp; Cup

Craig Reynolds &amp; John Cook

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 &amp; Blessing of MSU Baskets

Brooke Reid

Offertory

*With a Voice of Singing - Shaw*

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 &amp; Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

*I Am Thine, O Lord – vs. 1 & 2*

No. 601

***I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to thee.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

***Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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### **Memorials and Honors**

The flowers this morning are for the dedication of the MSU Baskets and the start of school.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Theodore "Theo" Harrison Lester born on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Theodore Harrison is the son of Sarah Tonemah & Jason Lester, brother of Charlotte Lester, grandson of Polly & Harry Tonemah, and nephew of Katie Tonemah.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Controversies

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2. A likely basis

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3. New Testament wisdom

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4. Seeing God

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5. Whose wisdom to follow

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## CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20 Blessing of the MSU Baskets		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / August Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Acolyte Training (Grades 3-5)	Sanctuary
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402 & 405
Monday, August 21		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" Teacher In-Service	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:00 am	Working on MSU Baskets (M-Th)	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	College Bible Study Going Bowling	Village Bowl
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, August 22		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, August 23		
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 (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, August 24		
2:00 pm	MSU Basket Giveaway	MSU
Friday, August 25		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
12:00 pm	Discovery Class Hosting HHH Bike Riders Begins	Gym
Saturday, August 26		
5:00 pm	Discovery Class Hosting HHH Bike Riders Ends	Gym

### Sheri Sutton's 2023 Fall Bible Study

#### *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*

by W. Phillip Keller

**Psalm 23** is probably the most well-known and popular of all the psalms. In W. Phillip Keller's *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*, we will travel the shepherd's path to green pastures and cool, refreshing waters. As a shepherd himself, Keller shares his insights into the life and character of sheep and of the Good Shepherd who loves and cares for them. This book will give new meaning to the ageless Shepherd Psalm, enriching our trust in and love for the Lord who watches closely over us.

Join Sheri Sutton for this 6-week study beginning September 20 2023. **There will be two in-person options for this study: Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm.** Both sessions will meet in Room 310. A Zoom option will be offered at both times as well with the sign-in information available before the first session.

Please call the church office at (940) 692-2282 to register and order your book. **Read the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 before the first session.**