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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 27, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Claire Baer
Opening Hymn	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service – vs. 1, 2 &amp; 3</i>	No. 453

***Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.***

***Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.***

***Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.***

***Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.***

***Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.***

Opening Prayer		Dr. Mark Bender
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### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 5:38-48</i>	Dr. Mark Bender
Children's Message		Claire Baer
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Brooke Reid

**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                                      *Prayer of St. Francis - Pote*                                      Chancel Choir

Sermon    *The Beatitudes: The Peacemakers*                                      Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn                                      *For the Bread, Which You Have Broken*                                      No. 411

***For the bread, which you have broken, for the wine, which you have poured,  
for the words, which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***By these pledges that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us, consecrate our lives, O Lord.***

***In your service, Lord, defend us; help us to obey your word;  
in the world to which you send us let your will be done, O Lord.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution                                      Linda C. Carr

Prayers for the Bread & Cup                                      Chris Showalter & 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                                      *Total Praise – arr. Rao*                                      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                                      Brooke Reid

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

**Memorials and Honors**

**Sermon Notes**

1. A stroll through the news

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2. The setup

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3. Shock the imagination

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4. Orientation of the heart

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5. Becoming peace-ready

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27		
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 Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402 & 405
Monday, August 28		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
4:00 pm	College Bible Study Going Bowling	Village Bowl
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Room 405
Tuesday, August 29		
9:00am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" "Meet the Teacher"	Classrooms
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, August 30		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool (W-F)	
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 31		
Friday, September 1		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, September 2		

## 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. 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 (\$7.00). **Read the Introduction and Chapters 1 and 2 before the first session.**

### Join in the next Fellowship Lunch

"Lettuce" make plan to join together for an all-church lunch on Sunday, September 17, at 12:00 pm, as we "Taco Bout" all the great things FCC has to offer, just in "queso" you've forgotten! Invite a friend to join you for a "supreme"-ly good time. After all, everyone eats, so why "nacho" here? We promise it won't be too "cheesy".

**Coats for Kids**  
*Mary Sue Winstead Memorial*

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