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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost– September 10, 2023

THE GATHERING

Please let us know you're here by texting FCC to 77411.

Prelude *Wachet Auf* – arr. J.S. Bach Debbie Watson, piano; Laura Pease, oboe

Welcome Dr. Mark Bender

Responsive Call to Worship Claire Baer

Leader: “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

People: Let us be filled with the Spirit as we sing and make melody to the Lord in our hearts.

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times,

People: And for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From Ephesians 5:14-20

Opening Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* – vs. 1, 3 & 4 No. 100

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries.
 may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer
 to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;
 may Jesus Christ be praised! God's whole creation o'er,
 both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine;
 may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song,
 through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!***

Opening Prayer Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-8* Brooke Reid

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

Awake, My Heart - Marshall

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Wake Up Call: Wachet Auf

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

No. 399

***O God, unseen yet ever near, reveal thy presence now,
while we, in love that hath no fear, before thy glory bow.***

***Here may thy faithful people know the blessings of thy love -
the streams that thro' the desert flow, the manna from above.***

***Awhile beside the fount we stay and eat this bread of thine;
then go, rejoicing, on our way, renewed with strength divine.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Alan Freeman

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Rick Appling & Kathleen Lauck

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

Keep Your Lamps – arr. Thomas

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

Here I Am, Lord – vs. 1 & 2

No. 452

***I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

The flowers this morning are given by the Johnson Family in honor of Granny Johnson on her 92nd Birthday.

Sermon Notes

1. Time to get up

2. Of the light...of the day

3. Another blessing

4. Internal and external

5. So much potential

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Preschool Choir (3-5 year olds)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
5:45 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402 & 405
Monday, September 11		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
10:30 am	Christian Women's Fellowship "CWF" Board Meeting	Room 310
11:45 am	CWF Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
4:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
5:30 pm	ComTech Ministry Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	(Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, September 12		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
5:30 pm	Outreach Ministry Meeting	Room 305
6:00 pm	Property Ministry Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life	Rooms 304, 306, 308
Wednesday, September 13		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	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, September 14		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
6:00 pm	Membership Ministry Meeting	Room 222
Friday, September 15		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Saturday, September 16		

Volunteer at the Food Bank

The World Outreach Ministry has arranged for FCC members/visitors to volunteer at the Wichita Area Food Bank on the 2nd Thursday morning of each month from 9:00 am to noon. We will help with the PowerPak4Kids program to address weekend hunger in children. Volunteers are needed beginning on Thursday, September 14, and should call the church office, 940-692-2282, to sign up.