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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2023

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude Debbie Watson

Welcome Claire Baer

Responsive Call to Worship Claire Baer

Leader: In love and joy God calls us together.

People: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Leader: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

People: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

All: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

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Opening Hymn No. 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – vs. 1, 2 & 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

God ever living, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Opening Prayer Brooke Reid

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Claire Baer

Acts 20:25-35

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.

Anthem

God Has Called Us - Hobby

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Wake Up Call: Remember the Words

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Come, Share the Lord – vs. 1 & 2a

No. 408

***We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.
He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Scot Hafley

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Teresa Archambo & Woody Gossom

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful – Rutter

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

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Pass It On – vs. 1 & 3

No. 477

***It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.***

***I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In honor of the FCC Elders given by Sandra Marvel.

The flowers this morning are given by Susan & John Buckley in honor of Kay & Richard McQuiston's 69th Wedding Anniversary, Meredith & Matt West's 4th Anniversary and Calvin Spencer West's 1st Birthday.

Sermon Notes

1. Being good at something

2. Three T's

3. Jesus' main concern

4. Did not shrink

5. No strings attached

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	"Let's Taco 'Bout It" Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
4:30 pm	Youth Parents Meeting	Room 403
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 18		
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
1:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 1 Meeting	1702 Cedar Ave
4:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	(Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, September 19		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting/Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
6:00 pm	Faith Formation Ministry Meeting	Parlor
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
7:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	Room 200
Wednesday, September 20		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
10:15 am	Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study	Room 310
12:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 2 Meeting	Room 405
12:00 pm	YAS Staff Meeting	Room 222
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Sheri Sutton's Fall Bible Study	Room 310
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
6:30 pm	Youth to Student Worship Night (Grades 6-12)	Faith Baptist
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, September 21		
Friday, September 22		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
5:30 pm	MSU Mustang Meal	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, September 23		

Youth Parents Meeting
Today, September 17th
4:30 pm in Youth Room (Room 403)