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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost– September 3, 2023

### THE GATHERING

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Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome & Call to Worship		Brooke Reid
Opening Hymn		No. 618

*How Firm a Foundation – vs. 1, 2 & 5*  
***How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?***  
***"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***  
***"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"***

Opening Prayer		Claire Baer
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### THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<i>1 Peter 4:12-16</i>	Claire Baer
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                      *Christian, Dost Thou See Them* - Pfautsch                      Chancel Choir

Sermon                                 *The Beatitudes: The Persecuted and Disparaged*                      Dr. Mark Bender

## THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn                      *We Come as Guests Invited* – vs. 1 & 2                      No. 386

***We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.***

***We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living our ever present friend.***

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution                      David Collins

Prayers for the Bread & Cup                      Harry Tonemah & Polly Tonemah

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                      Brooke Reid

Offertory                                 *Holy Is He* – Clydesdale                      Chancel Choir

*The congregation is invited to sing on the final portion of the anthem as directed.*

***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!***

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                                 *Faith of Our Fathers*                      No. 635

***Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon,  
fire and sword, oh how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers,***

*holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

*The martyrs bound in prison chains were still in heart and  
conscience free, and bless'd would be their children's fate,  
if they, like them, should live for thee! Faith of the martyrs,  
holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in  
all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
by saving word and faithful life! Faith of our mothers,  
holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.*

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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**Memorials and Honors**

In memory of Gretchen Bridgman given by John Bridgman.

**Sermon Notes**

1. Die-hard fans

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2. Not something but something not

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3. Orthopraxy vs. orthodoxy

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4. Our reputation

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5. We pray it every week

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
NO	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
NO	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402 & 405
Monday, September 4 LABOR DAY		
Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed		
Tuesday, September 5		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (Tu-F)	
9:00am-12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (Tu-F)	
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, September 6		
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, September 7		
Friday, September 8		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2808 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
5:30 pm	MSU Mustang Meal	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, September 9		

### Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon

The September CWF Luncheon will be Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker in September will be Kris Gossom, Executive Director of Interfaith Outreach Services. Reservations are not required and guests are welcome. Cost is \$8.00 per person. The CWF Board will meet at 10:30 am in Room 310 prior to the luncheon.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Sheri Sutton's 2023 Fall Bible Study

#### *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller

Join Sheri Sutton for a 6-week study on W. Phillip Keller's *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* 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.**