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Third Sunday after the Epiphany – January 21, 2024

THE GATHERING

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Chimes

Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome & Call to Worship

Claire Baer

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

People: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

People: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

Based on Jeremiah 18, Psalm 139

Opening Hymn

How Firm a Foundation – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 618

***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

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading	<i>Luke 14:25-35</i>	Dr. Mark Bender
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	<i>Arise, O God, and Shine – Young</i>	Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>Consider the Cost</i>	Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn	<i>In Memory of the Savior's Love</i>	No. 405
<i>In memory of the Savior's love, we keep the sacred feast, where every humble, contrite heart is made a welcome guest. By faith we take the bread of life by which our souls are fed, that cup in token of his blood that was for sinners shed. In faith and memory here we sing the wonders of his love, and thus anticipate by faith the heavenly feast above.</i>		

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution		Linda C. Carr
Prayers for the Bread & Cup		Emily Wilson & Kerry Roach
Partaking of the Bread and Cup		
<i>All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.</i>		
Common Confession	I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.	

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission		Dr. Mark Bender
Offertory	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Martin</i>	Chancel Choir
Doxology		No. 46
<i>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.</i>		
Offertory Prayer		

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship		Dr. Mark Bender
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***Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
swift and beautiful for thee.***

***Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
it shall be thy royal throne.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Sheila Poole given by Robert & Cindy Hernandez.

In memory of Lamar Baer (father of Claire Baer) given by Richard & Maggie Phillips, Mark & Debbie Turnbow.

In memory of Barbara Scales (mother of Ricky Scales) given by Richard & Maggie Phillips, Lynette Gill, Kerry & Sharon Roach.

The rose on the Communion Table this morning is in honor of Freya Diane McCabe, born on January 13th, and is the daughter of MSU Chancel Choir members, Russell McCabe & Willow Webb.

Sermon Notes

1. A professional

2. Reading the fine print

3. Meaning of life

4. Not yet and already

5. Different kinds of currency

Announcements

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CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	Elder & Diaconate Training	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	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, January 22		
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
12:00 pm	Christian Women's Fellowship Group 1 Meeting	4821 Dickens
4:00 pm	College Bible Study	Room 305
7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 23		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
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, January 24		
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-5th Grade)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, January 25		
6:30 pm	Manners Matter	Fellowship Hall
Friday, January 26		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
12:15 pm	CCF Parent Advisory Committee Meeting	Room 310
	JYF Midwinter Camp (Jan. 26-28)	Disciples Crossing
Saturday, January 27		

