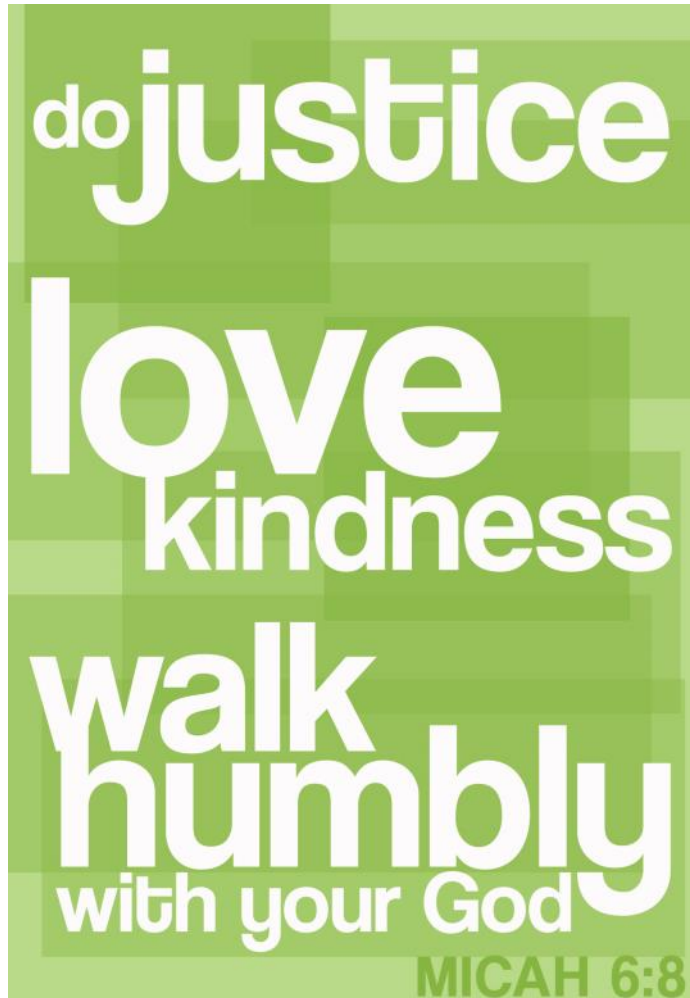


What Should We Do?
November 13, 2022



We thank the following people for assisting with worship:

HEAD USHER
Janet Ott

LITURGIST
John Mark Slagle

SANCTUARY ART
The set of silk banners, Earth, Stars, and Leaves, were designed and painted by Kristen Gilje. May they inspire you to contemplate the magnificence of our earth as we explore ways to care for God's creation. These banners will be up until Advent.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 13, 2022

10:00 am

Welcome! Please participate in as much or as little of the service as you feel comfortable.

We love children in worship—their noises and wiggles are welcome, too. There are pillows in the front where they can see the instruments and participate fully, or the coloring, book, and play area is available in the corner near the windows. Their movements back and forth are a joy for us.

PRELUDE

Judy Widrig

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Benton

RINGING THE BELL

THANKSGIVING INTROIT

KREMSER

We ga - ther to - get - ther to ask for God's bless - ing to
5 be in com - mun - i - ty through time and space. We
9 come now, as seek - ers and doubt - ters, ex - press - ing our
13 thanks for you, O God, for your love and your grace.

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* Rise in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

by Rev. Teri Peterson

John Mark Slagle

One Voice: God has spoken before, and God speaks still,
a word of hope, yes, and also a word of challenge.
Come to hear again the voice that echoes through the ages,
calling us to a new way of life:

**All Voices: to do justice, not only talk about it;
to love going above and beyond with generosity and kindness;
to act without making it about us.**

One Voice: This is what it means to worship in spirit and in truth —
so let's pray together:

**All Voices: Not our own strength, but yours, God.
You are the One who provides, nourishes, and secures.
You are the One who connects us to one another,
building community to create peace.
From the smallest place to the grandest city,
from the margins to the center,
you are the One who shows your vision and invites us into life.
We come to you, not to seek our own glory days revived,
but to follow your Christ, into your kin-dom. Amen.**

***HYMN 373**

"They Did Not Build in Vain"

LEONI

verses 1-3

PASSING THE PEACE

Sharon Benton

If you're willing to come to the microphone and offer "The peace of Christ" or "May God's peace be with you" or some other words of grace, please note you are also sending your message to those worshiping on line.

SONG

"God Bless Every Step"



God bless ev-ery step that I am ta-king, and bless the earth be-neath my feet.

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TIME WITH CHILDREN

Margie Kimberley

After Time with Children, preschool & elementary children are invited to attend Church School.

SONG

"Love Is Something" (The Magic Penny)

by Malvina Reynolds

Love is something if you give it away,

Give it away, give it away.

Love is something if you give it away,

You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,

Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many

They'll roll all over the floor.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Davi Weasley

The Prayer of Jesus

We invite you to use the language for God that is most comfortable for you:

“Our Creator,” “Our Father” or “Our Mother.”

Our Creator

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*If you have a prayer request you'd like to share confidentially with our pastors,
have added to the confidential prayer list, or spoken aloud in worship,
go to www.fccb.net/contact-us/ to send a message or call the church to talk with a pastor.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Steal Away”

Handbell Choir

by Wallis Willis, arr. Bill Ingram

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8

John Mark Slagle

New Revised Standard Version

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

John Mark Slagle

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Should We Do?”

Sharon Benton

HYMN 370(seated)

“What Gift Can We Bring?”
verses 1-3

ANNIVERSARY SONG

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND PLEDGES

John Mark Slagle

Please place your 2023 pledge card and/or your morning offering in the plates; if you are visiting, you're welcome to write a prayer for this community's upcoming year and place it on the table.

Your financial pledges are how we determine which ministries we can serve next year.

Thank you for serving with us!

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”
Arr. by John Carter

Chancel Choir

PRAYER

by Sheryl Stewart, alt.

John Mark Slagle

Celebrate with us, God! Collectively, we can do much more than any of us alone. And our offering exceeds what is visible here: captured in bits of paper are the hours of our days, the strength of our arms, the skill of our hands, and the talent of our imaginations. You see this even when we don't. So bless this moment of our promises, that we may be a part of your mission of holy love in our community and our world. Praise your holy name! Amen.

***HYMN 372**

**“God, You Have Set Us”
verses 1-4**

NATIONAL HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

Davi Weasley

POSTLUDE

Judy Widrig

**Join us for a potluck now, both on Zoom and in person.
It'll be so good to connect!**

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually, or in person with masks. Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

Sharon **sharon@fccb.net**

Davi: **davi@fccb.net**

You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at **office@fccb.net** and she'll pass your message on.

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