PRAY FOR FAMILIES

"Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you."



Dates: <u>Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18</u>

Time: <u>5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</u>



July 14, 2024 9:30 a.m.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Joys and Concerns

Sharla Hulsey

In order to respect privacy, joys and concerns will be discussed before the public livestream. If you need to add someone, please fill out a prayer request form and place in the offering tray as it is passed.

Welcome and Announcements

Don Malan, Elder

If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Mary Coffman & Lynda Perkins Prelude Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

Don Malan & Congregation *Call to worship (*please rise as able*)

- L: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us we have come to worship and to praise.
- P: With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.
- L: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.
- P: With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God: Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit.

*Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #556 (vv. 1, 3, 4) "Trust and Obev"

CH #572 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

*Invocation Don Malan & Congregation Loving God, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, our minds to know what is true, and our hearts to love what is good; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayer Hymn

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

Mary Coffman

Diana Rich

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 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. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Don Malan & Congregation

Responsive Reading

- Psalm 8:1-5, 9 (United Methodist Hymnal) L: O LORD, our Lord,
 - P: how majestic is your Name in all the earth!
 - L: Your glory is chanted above the heavens by the mouth of babes and infants:
 - P: you have set up a defense against your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
 - L: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 - P: the moon and the stars which you have established;
 - L: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 - **P:** and mortals that you care for them?
 - L: Yet you have made them a little less than God,
- **P:** and crowned them with glory and honor.
- L: O LORD, our Lord,
- P: how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Special	Music

Offering Meditation

Sharla Hulsey "The Summons"

by John L. Bell & Graham Maule

<u>Scripture</u>		Carol Hedrick
	Ephesians 5:21—6:9	
Message		Sharla Hulsey
	"Hierarchy"	
Invitation to Discipleship		Sharla Hulsey
*Invitation Hymn		CH #610 (all)
	"Living for Jesus"	
Musical Interlude		Mary Coffman

Tithes & Offerings

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*<u>Doxology</u>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication	Don Malan
<u>Call to Communion</u>	Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

"Here at Thy Table, Lord"

Words of Institution

Communion Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Everyone is welcome at Christ's Table. Those who are comfortable doing so, please come forward down the center aisle to partake at the table. Deacons will serve those who remain seated.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Benediction

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*<u>Closing Hymn</u>

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diaconate

CH #47

CH #384 (all)

Sharla Hulsey

Sharla Hulsey

CH #550 (v. 1)

* Please rise as able

Don Malan

Diaconate

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

This July, we will be supporting the Carpenter's Cup and Bates County Health Center's Back to School Project with crayons, colored pencils, Kleenex, and backpacks. Bring donations to the church. Thank you!

• KETCH-UP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship Committee started a "Ketch-up" campaign to help replenish the FCC reserve fund. The goal is \$20,000. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-Up" campaign.

• <u>COMMUNITY CAFÉ</u> - Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m.

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Wednesday, July 17 & Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 4 years of age to the completion of 5th grade
- Pre-register online at fccbutler.org
- BOARD MEETING- Sunday, July 21 after worship
- FAITH ADVENTURES CAMP Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26
 Try It Camp: Thursday, July 25 through Friday, July 26
- The Office will be closed on Thursday, July 25th.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 14:	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Elders Meeting
Tuesday, July 16:	5:30 p.m.	Community Café
Wednesday, July 17:	5:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	VBS
Thursday, July 18:	5:30 p.m 8:30 p.m.	VBS
Friday, July 19:	9 a.m 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 21:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Board Meeting
Monday, July 22:	Faith Adventures Camp begins	
Thursday, July 25:	Office Closed	
Friday, July 26:	9 a.m 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey Elder: Don Malan Deacons: Kathy Wood, Peggy Thomas Greeter: Peggy Thomas Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn Accompanist: Mary Coffman

A PROBLEMATIC, YET FREEING DISCIPLINE

As Richard Foster notes, "Of all the Spiritual Disciplines none has been more abused than the Discipline of submission. Somehow the human species has an extraordinary knack for taking the best teaching and turning it to the worst ends."

Why, then, shouldn't we simply say an emphatic "No" to this Discipline, because of how it's been misused and how that misuse has allowed some to dominate and abuse others? Perhaps it's because of the paradoxical freedom submission confers on us.

Foster continues, "Every Discipline has its corresponding freedom. ...Our aim is the freedom, not the Discipline. The moment we make the Discipline our central focus, we turn it into law and lose the corresponding freedom.

What is the corresponding freedom of the Discipline of submission? Quite simply, it's "the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way." If that is our mindset, we are going to spend a great deal of time stewing in anger, because the reality of life is that things *don't* always go our way.

Foster again: "In the Discipline of submission, we are released to drop the matter, to forget it. Frankly, most things in life are not nearly as important as we think they are. Our lives will not come to an end if this or that does not happen.

"If you will watch these things, you will see, for example, that almost all church fights and splits occur because people do not have the freedom to give in to each other. We insist that a critical issue is at stake; we are fighting for a sacred principle. Perhaps this is the case. Usually it is not. Often we cannot stand to give in simply because it means that we will not get our own way. Only in submission are we enable to bring this spirit to a place where it no longer controls us. Only submission can free us sufficiently to enable us to distinguish between genuine issues and stubborn self-will.

"If we could only come to see that most things in life are not major issues, then we could hold them lightly. We discover that they are no 'big deal.' So often we say, 'Well, I don't care,' when what we really mean (and what we convey to others) is that we care a great deal. It is precisely here that silence fits in so well with all the other Disciplines. Usually the best way to handle most matters of submission is to say nothing. There is the need for an all-encompassing spirit of grace beyond any kind of language or action which sets others and ourselves free. "The biblical teaching on submission focuses primarily on the spirit with which we view other people. Scripture does not attempt to set forth a series of hierarchical relationships but to communicate to us an inner attitude of mutual subordination. ...In the matter of submission...the real issue is the spirit of consideration and respect we have for each other.

"In submission we are at last free to value other people. Their dreams and plans become important to us. We have entered into a new, wonderful, glorious freedom—the freedom to give up our own rights for the good of others. For the first time we can love people unconditionally. We have given up the right to demand that they return our love. No longer do we feel that we have to be treated in a certain way. We rejoice in their successes. We feel genuine sorrow in their failures. It is of little consequence that our plans are frustrated if their plans succeed. We discover that it is far better to serve our neighbor than to have our own way."

From Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*, 20th anniversary edition (New York: HarperCollins, 1998), pp. 111-112.