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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, July 28, 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

Shawn Quick, 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](http://fccbutler.org) and click the Register Attendance button.*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### Prelude

Mary Coffman & Lynda Perkins

*Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary*

### \*Call to worship (please rise as able)

Shawn Quick & Congregation

L: Christ humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**P: God proves eternal love for us  
in that while we were still sinners  
Christ died for us.**

L: By grace we have been saved through faith,  
and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.

**P: We are God's people,  
created and redeemed in Jesus Christ  
for good works of love and service in the world.**

### \*Opening Hymn

Chalice Hymnal #464 (1,4,5)

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

### \*Invocation

Shawn Quick & Congregation

**Most holy God, in Jesus Christ you show us that true glory is demonstrated through humble service. Renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray. Amen.**

### Prayer Hymn

CH #602 (1,3,4)

*"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

### Silent Meditation

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sharla Hulsey

**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

Mary Coffman

## Responsive Reading

Shawn Quick & Congregation

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-9 (*Chalice Hymnal*)

L: I love the LORD, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**P: Because you listened to me,  
I will call on you as long as I live.**

L: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**P: The LORD protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, God saved me.**

L: Return, O my soul, to your rest,

**P: for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

L: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.

**P: I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.**

## Special Music

The Guffey Girls

Introduction by Jennifer Schmehl

## Scripture

Shawn Quick

*John 13:1-17*

## Message

Sharla Hulsey

*"I'm not here to do dishes."*

## Invitation to Discipleship

Sharla Hulsey

## \*Invitation Hymn

CH #467 (1,3,4)

*"Fill the World with Love"*

## Musical Interlude

Mary Coffman

## Offering Meditation

Diana Rich

Tithes & Offerings

*Offering trays will be passed in the pews.*

Diaconate

\*Doxology

CH #47

**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

Shawn Quick

Call to Communion

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Hymn

CH #601 (1,2,4)

*"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

Words of Institution

Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer

Shawn Quick

Distribution of the Elements

Diaconate

*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*

Sharla Hulsey

\*Closing Hymn

CH #614 (1)

*"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• **OUTREACH MISSION**

For August, we will be supporting the Community Food Pantry with school lunch food donations, such as peanut butter and jelly, snack crackers, fruit cups, and juice boxes. 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. Currently we have raised \$4,840. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-Up" campaign.

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**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, July 28:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Friday, July 26:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

**NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

Sunday, August 4:	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m.	Life Group
Friday, August 9:	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

\* Please rise as able

**SERVING TODAY**

**Pastor:** Sharla Hulsey

**Greeter:** Bob Thomas

**Elder:** Shawn Quick

**Scripture Reader:** Shawn Quick

**Deacons:** Steve Hedrick,  
Bob Thomas

**Choir Director:** Carol Ann Winburn

**Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

## PRACTICING THE DISCIPLINE OF SERVICE

Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, in her *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*, offers the following reflection questions and some suggestions how we might make the Discipline of service part of our lives.

### Reflection Questions

- ◆ What is it like to be loved by someone as he or she loves him- or herself?
- ◆ Do you like to be served or to serve? How does this affect the way you live?
- ◆ When do you live out of an entitlement mentality rather than love of neighbor?

### Spiritual Exercises

1. Every morning for the next two weeks ask your spouse, roommate or a colleague, "What can I do for you today?" Then do it. Talk to God about what it is like for you. What do you see about yourself?
2. Develop a yearly practice of involving yourself in one intentional service, mission or relief project. Consider which type of project speaks to some of the longings of your own heart.
3. Divide a paper into three columns. Above one column write, "For Me." Above the second column write, "For Others." Above the third column write, "For God." Review the last week or month. Jot down in each column the things you have bought and done for yourself, others and God. What does this inventory reveal about your life? Take time to read Luke 23. Gaze at Jesus on the cross. What has God given because he loves you? How would you like to see the answers in your columns change over the next months? Listen to your longings and God's promptings.
4. Spend some time meditating on the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37. Become quiet and ask the Lord to speak to you. Give your imagination to God. Read the story slowly and aloud, savoring the words. What stood out to you? Read the passage a second time, imagining you are the Levite. What are your concerns? Why are you in a hurry? Then put yourself in the place of the priest. What are your concerns? Why do you pass by? (*Keep in mind as you do this that if they were going "down" the road, they were **not** on their way to Jerusalem to serve at the Temple but leaving there; Jerusalem is on a hill, so going toward Jerusalem would have been "up."*) Imagine you are the Samaritan. Why do you stop to help? How do you feel about incurring all the expenses for another's care? Who of these three

characters do you tend to be like? Who in your life receives your care: family? friends? who else?

5. Sign on to set up or take down an event. This part of event planning is the least sought after. What is it like for you to do a simple task that doesn't require your skill or expertise, and is wholly out of the public eye? What does this tell you about your acts of service?
6. Ask those who know you to give you their take on what your spiritual gifts are. Plan a way of using your gifts to benefit others in the next week and month.
7. Get to know some missionaries or a faith-based organization. Find out what they need. Ask them how you could serve. Do something that helps them help others. (*From Sharla: The Community Food Pantry is still in need of volunteers!*)

### A Prayer for Service

*This comes from Richard Foster.*

The risen Christ beckons us to the ministry of the towel. Such a ministry, flowing out of the inner recesses of the heart, is life and joy and peace. Perhaps you would like to begin by experimenting with a prayer that several of us use. Begin the day by praying, "Lord Jesus, as it would please you bring me someone today whom I can serve."