FOR FURTHER READING

If you're interested in learning more about the Spiritual Disciplines, here are the books I consulted as I prepared this sermon series. All are in my library if you'd like to borrow them, or you may wish to purchase them for yourself. Lyssa can give you information about good online sources for new and used books.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sunday, September 1, 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

Chuck Lewis, 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Phyllis McBrayer

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

<u>Prelude</u> Mary Coffman

Bringing the Light of Christ into the Sanctuary

*Call to worship (please rise as able) Chuck Lewis & Congregation

- L: Blessed be the LORD our God, from everlasting to everlasting.
- P: Blessed be the LORD our God, who with his hand has fulfilled his promises.
- L: Blessed be the LORD our God, who has given us his holy Word to guide us.
- P: Blessed be the LORD our God, whose word became flesh in Jesus Christ.
- L: Blessed be the LORD our God, for he has brought us here to support and uplift one another.
- P: Blessed be the LORD our God, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen, Amen.

*Opening Hymn Chalice Hymnal #33 (vv. 1, 3,4) "How Great Thou Art"

*Invocation Chuck Lewis & Congregation Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have spoken wonderful words of life to us. We have gathered here today to hear your Word anew. Be present with us as we seek to understand what you have to say to us today. In the name of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, amen.

Prayer Hymn

CH #530 (all)

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

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 Isaiah 12 (NRSV)

Chuck Lewis & Congregation

- L: You will say in that day:
- P: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.
- L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
- P: for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
- L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:
- P: Give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his Name is exalted.
- L: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
- P: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Special Reading Jennifer Schmehl & Carol Ann Winburn "The Hands and the Ears" by J.R. Mimbs

Scripture
Nehemiah 7:73b—8:12

Don Malan

Message Sharla Hulsey

"The joy of the LORD is our strength."

<u>Invitation to Discipleship</u>
Sharla Hulsey
*Invitation Hymn
CH #2 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Musical Interlude Mary Coffman

Offering Meditation Diana Rich

<u>Tithes & Offerings</u> Diaconate

Offering trays will be passed in the pews.

*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 Chuck Lewis

<u>Call to Communion</u> Sharla Hulsey

<u>Communion Hymn</u> CH #420 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 5)

"I Come with Joy"

Words of Institution Sharla Hulsey

Communion Prayer Chuck Lewis

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 Sharla Hulsey

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Tuning the Bight of Chirist thio the World

*Closing Hymn CH #286 (v. 1)

"This Is the Day"

* Please rise as able

SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Sharla Hulsey Greeter: Gary Coffman

Elder: Chuck Lewis Scripture Reader: Don Malan Deacons: Don Cole, Choir Director: Carol Ann Winburn

Gary Coffman Accompanist: Mary Coffman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- <u>Outreach Mission</u> For September, we will be continue supporting the Community Food Pantry with school lunch 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 \$4,945. Please note on your donation that it is for the "Ketch-Up" campaign.
- OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY Monday, September 2
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN** The Disciples Women will have a salad dinner on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the church's Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to join us for fun and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend as well as your favorite salad. Our roll call will be "your favorite hymn". If you have any questions, please contact Judy Taylor or Carol Lewis.
- <u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u> Practice starts on Wednesday, September 4 @ 7pm and will be held every Wednesday thereafter at 7pm.
- Youth Group Meetings start on Wednesday, September 4 @ 6pm, for children in grades 3 through 12.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 1:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Life Group
Monday, Sept. 2:	Office Closed	
Tuesday, Sept. 3:	6 p.m.	Disciples Women
Wednesday, Sept. 4:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 6:	9 a.m 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 8:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Life Group Elders Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 11:	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Youth Group Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 13:	9 a.m 12 p.m.	Son Shine Ladies