

Living Our Faith

October 10, 2021 — 8:15 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

20th Sunday of Pentecost



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Thought for the Day

“The sun shows up every morning, no matter how bad you’ve been the night before. It shines without judgment. It never withholds. You can hide from the sun, but it won’t take you personally. It’ll never, ever punish you for hiding. You can stay in the dark for years or decades, and when you finally step outside, it’ll be there.”

– Glennon Doyle

Prelude

8:15 *Andante*

10:00 *The Temple Church Suite*

Let us assume an attitude of worship during the prelude.

G. Spiccoli

John Stanley

Gathering

Tolling of the Church Bell

Special Music *Like a River Glorious*

Gwen Clore, handbell solo

Gathering

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Register located at the inside end of the pew and pass it to the person seated next to you.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God’s love,
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness
for all who would follow.**

– Thom Shuman

Opening Prayer

Almighty God from our very beginnings, you have known us. You know our greatest joys, deepest sorrows, the fears that keep us up at night, and who we are at our core. When we hide in fear and shame you are there with us, reassuring us, and inviting us to examine our lives not with anger but compassion. Free us from that which keeps us from loving you, ourselves, and our neighbors. Open our hearts in prayer that we might have a healthier sense of self, community, and you. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer Hymnal #895

10:00 A Moment for Children

Pastor John

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

***Hymn #479** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Community Prayers

Reading of the Holy Scripture — Hebrews 4:12–16, p.206–207

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

10:00 Anthem *Lord, Lead Me, Lord*

Gilbert M. Martin

Sermon

“An Invitation to Boldness”

Pastor Andi

Stewardship Moment — Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:15 Adagio

S. Gnirow

10:00 *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology #94**

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #400** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Benediction

Postlude

8:15 *Allegro*

R. Daniels

10:00 *Allegro Moderato*

John Stanley

*Please rise as you are able. Bold text indicates congregational response.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound board.

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Assisting in Our Service Today

Music 8:15 Kevin Zehme, pianist & organist
 10:00 Diane Hires, Chancel Choir director
 Pattie Barnes, organist and Chancel Choir accompanist

Lay Reader 10:00 Rosie Roose

Audio-Visual Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins

EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Wondering about Becoming a Member? Today, 11:15 a.m.

Interested in becoming a member of our church or just want to learn a little bit more? Join us in room 202 (second floor) after the 10:00 a.m. worship.

Caring Connections Training Session Thursday, October 14, 1:00 p.m.

A training for new Caring Callers is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. All who are interested are encouraged to attend to receive a brief overview and training. For more info, email Pastor Andi at andi@dgfumc.org or Rosie Roose at trroose@aol.com.

Pumpkin Truck Unloading Help Needed October 15, 3:30 p.m.

Help us unload the pumpkins for this year's pumpkin patch fundraiser! Bring five-gallon buckets and wheelbarrows to help make the job easier. Seasonal treats will be available for volunteers! The Pumpkin Patch will open on October 16 and continue to October 31, or until all the pumpkins are sold.

Friday Night at the Movies

October 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Safford Home Theater

The first Friday Night at the Movies this fall is *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, a legal historical drama and true story about the summer 1968 anti-Vietnam War protesters who converged on the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Call or email the church office to sign up. Attendance limited to 12 people (must be vaccinated and wear a mask).

Trivia Night in the Pumpkin Patch Saturday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Are you ready for a fun event for adults? The Adult Education Work Area is hosting a trivia night in the Pumpkin Patch. Form your own team in advance with your DGFUMC work group or friends. Individuals or couples are also welcome! Drop by that night or let us know you are joining us by contacting Karen King at 630.835.4324 or krking1492@gmail.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 10, 2021

11:00 am – Messy Church – Gym
 11:15 am – New Member Info Session – Rm 202
 11:30 pm – Chapel Choir Rehearsal – CH

Monday, October 11

7:00 pm – Membership Dev. Wk Area Mtg – Rm 202

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 pm – Missions, Justice, Comm. Mtg – Rm 202

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 am – Women's Bible Study – Rm 218 & Zoom
 4:30 pm – Angel Choir Rehearsal – Rm 16
 5:00 pm – Cherub Choir Rehearsal – CH
 5:00 pm – Chorister Choir Rehearsal – FH
 5:45 pm – Connection Choir Rehearsal – FH

Thursday, October 14

1:00 pm – Caring Callers Training – Rm 202
 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – FH

Friday, October 15

3:00 pm – Pumpkin delivery and unloading
 7:30 pm – Friday Night at the Movies – Safford Hm

Saturday, October 16

7:00 pm – Trivia Night in the Pumpkin Patch

Next Sunday, October 17

2:00 pm – CROP Hunger Walk – Gloria Dei Lutheran
 CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 17; Step-off time – 2:00 p.m.
 Join others who are walking to reduce hunger. Our team will be in the parking lot after worship today to sign you up or accept your donations! You can also donate online at cropwalk.org. We are once again having a competition between Pastor John (Green Bay Packers) and Deacon Wes (Bears) to see which team can raise the most money. Support the team of your choice and whichever team raises the least amount will have to wear the opponent's team football jersey at the walk.