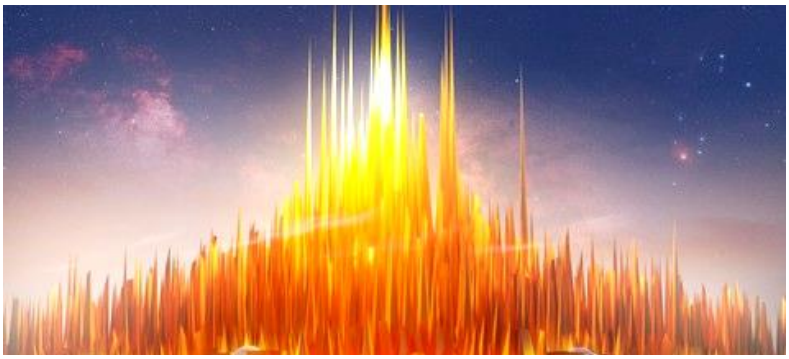


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8:30 am



My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
John 14:2-3

Prelude - Rhonda York

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Dave York

Call to Worship - Kathy McKinley
Leader: Bless the Lord, whose love shines upon us.
People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Leader: Bless our lives that reflect God's love.
People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Leader: Bless our worship that it may glorify God.
People: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Opening Hymn – For All the Saints UMH 711, v. 1-4, 6

Opening Prayer – Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living so that we may come to those unspeakable joys which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Remembrance of the Saints

Choir Anthem – Encouragement of Faith by Joseph M. Martin

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12 - Don Gaffin

Middle Hymn – Shall We Gather At the River UMH 723

New Testament Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon – Great is Your Reward

Next Steps, Offering and Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving – Holy and loving God, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. All we have is yours. You trust us to use it wisely for your sake. Please bless our offerings to bring your presence more fully into the world, to spread your love far and wide, to bring hope and peace where despair runs deep. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Closing Hymn – Forward Through the Ages UMH 555

Benediction

Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...

Doug & Alice Hall, Jennifer Bell, Ruth Wepking, Joan Atwell, Greg Bakian, Esther Polson, Doug Harter, Judy Wolfe, Frank & Gini Geib, Richard Hansen, Jimmie Stallings

Every year the church leadership asks our church family to prayerfully consider what God would have them give to the ministries of the church so that they can plan an annual budget. There are pledge cards in the pews. Please return your pledge as soon as possible.





Every November we collect a Thanksgiving Offering for local food pantries. This year we will be supporting Trinity House, Stronghold, and the Leavenworth Mission. Please consider how you would like to contribute.

The choir is starting to rehearse Christmas music. They would love to have you join them. They practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and perform at the 8:30 am service on Sunday.





Carol Shafer's Bible Study will be starting a special Advent on November 10 & 12. They meet at 10 am on Tuesdays OR 6:30 pm on Thursdays. They are doing a couple of stand alone lessons until that time. If you would like to join them or would like more information, contact Carol at carolsshafer59@gmail.com.

Itchin' to Stitch is taking a road trip to Children's Mercy Hospital Thursday, November 12th. They will carpool from Teresa Hicks' house (118 Rock Creek Loop, Lansing) at 9 am. Please RSVP to hickst@kc.rr.com.

Itchin' to Stitch



The 7th Street Feast is Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 from 11 am to 1 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gym. Thanksgiving lunch is free for anyone. If you need a meal, call 913-290-0527. If you would like to contribute or volunteer, visit 7thstreetfeast.com.



Fusion 56, our special group for 5th and 6th grade students will meet November 8 from 12 -1:30 pm Friends are always welcome. For info, contact Nancy at nshade@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth will meet tonight at 6 pm in the Ed building for dinner, Bible study and fun. Any student from seventh through twelfth grade is welcome. For info, contact Kristen at khowell@fumclvks.org.

Refuge Youth

Would you be willing to spend $5 or $10 more at the grocery store to help feed families in our community? Stronghold and Trinity are in need of canned fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce & cereal, but ANY non-perishable item is appreciated.



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
1:00 pm Book Club
6:30 pm Pastor Dave's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 4
1:00 pm Heart and Soul
3:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, November 5
12:30 pm Prayer Group
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday, November 7
9:00 am Samaritan's Buffet



* Make a financial gift in any amount
* Provide a meal for the Day Center
* Donate needed items
* Volunteer for a shift
* Offer a professional skill or service

DIGITAL OFFERING

Online giving is available at fumclvks.org/give or use the QR code above to go directly to the website. You can use a check or credit card. For help, contact Steven at sshade@fumclvks.org.



We love kids! Kids are dismissed during the 11 am service for Kids 1st Worship after the Children's Moment. We have a nursery for kids three and under in the basement. We have "busy bags" to borrow with activities for them in the red wagon in the foyer.