

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Interim Minister** ~ Rev. Jeffrey Mark Hensley (begins 5/6)
spiritplus@hotmail.com
262-215-7542
- **Father's Day Float** ~ if anyone is interested in organizing a float for the church please contact Joanne Himebauch.
jhimebau78@gmail.com
- **Corporate Prayer** ~ first and third Wednesday evenings
6:30-7:30 pm in the classroom (Jim Backstrom
jmcbacstrom@protonmail.com)
- **NACCC Annual Meeting** ~ June 22 - 25, 2024
- **Weekly Bible Study Discussion Groups**

Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
Men's Discussion Group

Sundays @ 9:00 am
Discussion Group

Attendance	
Date	Sanctuary
4/14/24	51
4/21/24	49
4/28/24	57

- We warmly welcome our visitors! Please feel free to complete a "Connection Card" (in the pews) and place it in the offering basket.
- To receive the church's weekly email, sign up at fccweb.net/contact_us
- Prayer Chain ~ prayer@fccweb.net
- Anyone is welcome to join one (or more!) of the church's ministry teams.



May 5, 2024

We are Committed to:

The Word of God

*Positively Impacting Our Community
and the World*

Growing in Faith Together

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Ministers: People of the Church

Order of Worship

May 5, 2024

**Please stand if you are able*

Prelude

Marni W.

Welcome

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CALL TO MEDITATION

Right after Jesus' gruesome death, St. Stephen was murdered by stoning. This Sunday Pastor Barry will talk about what happened centuries later when Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged because he opposed the Nazi regime. What we learn is that following Christ is not just difficult, it can lead to persecution by those who don't like what we say or think. Or worse, following Christ can even lead to the loss of our very lives. What are we challenged to? We may not be exposed to being killed, but what about when we are mocked, ridiculed, or laughed at when we strive to follow Jesus' teachings? Do we stand tall? Or just slink away silently?

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the fire and the flames,

P: God's Holy Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

L: In life's division and despair,

P: Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

L: In the shadows and the sorrow of the world,

P: God walks alongside to lift us up.

L: We gather together to worship, to pray, and to sing.

P: On this blessed journey of life, death and resurrection we gather in the name of Jesus.

-- Taken from Isaiah 55 and Luke 12

*Opening Songs At the Cross (Hallelujah)
Jesus Name Above All Names #59

Scripture Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60
Matthew 2:1-5a, 7-12, 16-18

*Song of Praise Doxology

Choir "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Prayer Time *Text Prayer Requests to Beth 414-588-3907*

*Hymn In the Garden #205
Kids in grades K-6 may head out for Sunday School.

Message *Lives Won and Lives Lost:*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Time for Reflection

The Lord's Supper
(Please throw away your communion cup after the service.)

*Closing Hymn To God Be the Glory #41

Benediction

Postlude