

First CRC Fulton  
August 7, 2022

**We Gather in Praise and Worship**

**Prelude: You Are**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Opening Prayer**

**God's Greeting**

**Mutual Greeting**

**Reading: The Apostle's Creed (Read in Unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Worship Through Song:**

O Praise The Name  
Knowing You  
His Mercy is More

**Congregational Prayer**

**Worship Through Song:**

Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone  
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

**We Prepare For & Hear God's Word**

Genesis 15:1-6

*<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:  
"Do not be afraid, Abram.*

*I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”*

*<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”*

*<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”*

*<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.*

## Hebrews 11:1-3;8-16

*<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.*

*<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*

*<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and*

*builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.*

*<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.*

**Sermon:** Count it as Faith - Pastor Michael  
Prayer

## **WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

Parting Song: Jesus Paid It All

Blessing: Pastor Michael

### **Announcements**

**Preparatory Sunday** As we look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday morning, let us examine our hearts and lives this week as we prepare to come to the Lord's table.

**Remember in prayer** our members in care facilities and those that are homebound: Dorothy B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Albert W

**Congratulations** to Bill & Mary M. who will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on August 9th. Happy birthday to Mary M. who will celebrate her 82nd birthday on August 10th.

**Next Sunday** - We will be having a brunch potluck after our service for all to enjoy. Please sign-up on table in back of the sanctuary if you are able to bring a dish to share. Please wear your purple shirt.

**Change of address:**

Roger & Eileen F  
114 Peachtree Circle  
Campbellsville, KY. 42718

**Deacons News**

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

7/31/22

Budget: \$1,925.52

Received: \$ 501.00

Short \$1,424.52

Safe Families for Children \$102.00

Offerings Today: General Fund-Building Fund

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Benevolence

### Community News

**The time is drawing near for Kingdom Bound Music Festival** in Clinton IA at the Riverview bandshell on Saturday/Sunday August 20&21!! We have some amazing music, bounce houses, food vendors, and more planned for two nights of family fun with a MUCH better message. Please consider coming as I would love to see TWO nights of amazing music fill the air over the Mississippi River praising our Lord! Tickets are very reasonable at \$25 for a two night pass and even cheaper with groups of 4 or 10+. Please call, text, or email me with questions. C'mon churches, the area needs this community to come together and praise. **John Dail**  
815-441-5453john.dail@mediacombb.net

**First Reformed Church**, 510 15th Ave., Fulton, will hold their 12th Annual "Back to School" Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on August 20. Everyone is welcome to attend! Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Voting begins at noon with trophies to follow. Lunch is served by the Riverbend Athletic Boosters. Stock, Street Rods, Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, Motorcycles; whatever you have for a vehicle, we want to see it! Cost of registration is \$15. Door Prizes

will be given out as well. All proceeds benefit Fulton Schools. For more information contact Karin Bush at 815-589-2203 or email at [secretary@firstreafulton.org](mailto:secretary@firstreafulton.org).

**Unity** - We are gearing up for the new school year and wanted to share some openings that we have yet to fill as well as some dates for upcoming events.

First, we are still in need of a head cook and assistant cook (roughly 5-6 hrs per day) as well as an after school program supervisor for 6th-12th grade students (3:00-5:30pm daily). Those interested can contact me via email ([jhollewell@unitychristian.com](mailto:jhollewell@unitychristian.com) or 815-589-3912).

Next, we will kick off our school year with opening chapel on Wednesday, August 24th, at 9am in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend!

Our first athletic events of the season will begin on Monday, August 29, at Unity! Our soccer team will play Quad Cities Christian at 4:30pm (@ Drives Field), and our junior high and high school volleyball teams will play Quad Cities Christian beginning at 5pm.

Later in the week, our high school volleyball team will play Pathway at 5:30pm.

Thank you for your prayers and support of Unity's students, faculty, staff, and families. I hope you will be able to join us for some exciting events this school year!

**Spring Valley Reformed Church**, 10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton, IL, welcomes Riven Quartet to the outdoor

stage on Sunday August 7th at 6:00PM. Come join us for an evening of music and worship. In case of rain or extreme heat, concerts will be moved indoors. A free will offering will be taken.

### Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, August 7 | Sunday Worship | 9:00 a.m. |
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|                   | Today    | Next Sunday |
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| Recorder & Sound  | Paul T   | Joe V       |
| Nursery Attendant | Celia B  | Lynell B    |
| Snack Provider    | Lynell B | Potluck     |
| Server            | Lynell B | Stacy S     |

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