

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**August 15, 2021**

*Twelfth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Bryon Black

WELCOME  
& ANNOUNCEMENTS Karen Pratt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close,  
**People: reconciling us through Jesus Christ,**  
Leader: who has lavished upon us  
**People: the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.**  
With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the  
Lord!

**\*HYMN** *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* #454

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Father, we thank You for Your many and precious promises. Forgive us for the times when we take our eyes off You and slip into unbelief. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Christ and the truth of Your Word. Help us to rest in You and trust all the issues of our lives into Your hands. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING (Ushers will come to you.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"People Need the Lord"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94

**\*SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON: *"The Math of Forgiveness"*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** #881  
The Apostles' Creed

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** #389  
*"Freely, Freely"*

## **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

The altar is open for prayer. If you would like the pastor to pray with you, please so indicate. The doors of our church are open if anyone wants to join by profession of faith or by transfer.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Bryon Black

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## **WELCOME GUESTS**

Thank you for your presence this morning at Rehoboth UMC. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew.

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We welcome Bryon Black as our new staff member who will be serving as our minister of music. Welcome Bryon! We give God thanks and praise for you.

The mission project for the remainder of August and through September 7 will be supplies for Palmetto Place Children & Youth Services. A list of the needed items will be on the table located in the narthex and outside the church office.

Are you ready for a fun time with your Rehoboth family and friends? Please plan to join us next Saturday, August 21, 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Smith lake house on Lake Wateree, 1708 Mallard Point, Ridgeway. Bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, and fishing poles if you'd like to fish. Fun, games, and boat rides!

## **HEARING INFO**

Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex. If you would like to use one every week, please provide your own headphones or earbuds. We are happy to keep them in the narthex in a Ziplock bag with your name on it. If your hearing aids have Bluetooth, you can use your phone to connect. All you have to do is download the app "listen everywhere" onto your phone. Then, go to the Bluetooth settings on your phone and click on "Rehoboth audio." The password is "audionet." If you need any assistance, please talk to one of our ushers.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Prayer Line – Sunday, 2 p.m.

1-515-604-9845 access code 523933 #

Leadership Team: Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

SPRC: Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Church Picnic: Saturday, August 21, Lake Wateree

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday school groups each Sunday Morning:

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9 a.m.  
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

**Pathfinder SS Class** meets at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor in the Education Building.

Ushers: Dave Petty & L.W. Smith

Trustee Lock-up: Jane Massey

## Leadership Team 2021

Leadership Team Chair: .....Jan Smith  
Lay Leader: .....Sherry Smoak  
SPRC Chair: .....Jan Smith  
Board of Trustees Chair: ..... Bill Rose  
Finance Chair: .....L.W. Smith  
Financial Secretary: .....Neil Smoak  
Church Treasurer: ..... Jennifer Pratt  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: .....Judi Rose  
Alternate Lay Member to  
Annual Conference: .....Sherry Smoak  
Worship Chair .....Judi Rose  
United Methodist Men President: ..... Forrest Horn  
United Methodist Women President: ..... Vilma Cobb  
Epworth Representative: ..... Tiffany Phillips  
Mission Representative: .....Judi Rose/Tiffany Phillips  
Evangelism Representative: ..... Forrest Horn  
Member at Large: ..... Randy Anty  
Member at Large: ..... Rugina Brazell  
Pastor: ..... Rev. Meegian Gossard  
Recording Secretary (non-voting): Elaine Comstock