Your Friendly Community Church



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Third Sunday of Easter

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "In His Time"

WELCOME

& ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Pratt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We praise You, O God, for You have saved us!

People: We cried out to You for help, and You were there.

Leader: We were sinking down, burdened by the weight of our sin and fear,

People: but You lifted us up, and restored us to life.

Leader: So we praise You! We give You thanks! People: Together, we remember the stories of Your mercy and love.

Leader: For Your anger lasts only a moment, **People: but Your goodness for a lifetime.**

Leader: God, You are our God.

People: We will give You thanks forever!

*HYMN UMH #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lady Abigail Imperio "I Know My Redeemer Lives"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*NEW TESTAMENT READING NT #119

Acts 9:1-20

SERMON "Who Are You, Lord?"

HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

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.

*HYMN OF INVITATION

UMH #369

"Blessed Assurance"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*AMEN RESPONSE

UMH #898

"O Worship the King" *Please stand as you are able.

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome Lady Abigail Imperio as our new Minister of Music. Welcome Lady Abigail! We give God thanks and praise for you.

Following today's worship service there will be a meeting about volunteering for Vacation Bible School in the sanctuary

Pastor Meegian's Bible Study on the book of Esther will begin this Wednesday, May 4, at 10 am in the Crossroads Sunday School classroom. There is a flyer available in the narthex with the schedule of the upcoming studies if you are interested.

We will have a Blessing of the Animals outdoor service at 11 am on Saturday, May 14.

You are invited to a church wide luncheon immediately following morning worship on Sunday, May 15. We will be honoring our seniors (80 and over). Everyone is asked to bring a dessert.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, May 2, 6:30 pm: UMM

Wednesday, May 4, 10 am: Bible Study Crossroads Sunday

School classroom

Wednesday, 6:30 pm: Choir

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.

HEARING INFO

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will receive these requests and lift them up for prayer during worship.

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.