

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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Ascension Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE “This is My Father’s World”

WELCOME

& ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather together to worship,

All: knowing that God is already here among us; knowing that there is nothing that separates us from the presence of our Lord.

Leader: Wherever we are, wherever we go,

All: God is near.

Leader: So let us enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope,

All: knowing that God is already with us, and that He stands eager to meet us and bless us with His love.

***HYMN**

UMH #328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, we are “what’s next?” people. We want to know what we are supposed to do. We journeyed through the Lenten Season, stood at the foot of the Cross, and witnessed Jesus’ Resurrection. Now we are called to wait. That’s hard for us to do. We want to jump into some kind of action. Calm our hearts and help us to wait for the Spirit. Forgive our impatience. We place our trust in your redeeming love. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Diane Horn

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM RUMC Choir
"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON NT #128
Acts 16:16-34

SERMON "Chain Breaker"

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 #140
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE UMH #898

POSTLUDE "Revive Us Again"

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME

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.

The additional candles on our altar this morning are lit in remembrance of the lives lost in all mass shootings, especially the most recent in Texas, New York, and California. Let us to continue to pray for the families and friends of the victims.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) As we celebrate Memorial Day, may we ponder this verse as we remember the faithful men and women who gave their lives while serving our great country.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day (**church office closed**)

Wednesday, June 1, 10 am: Bible Study Crossroads Sunday School classroom

Wednesday, 5:30 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.