

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

WELCOME

& ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherry Smoak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls -

People: come and worship!

Leader: Even if you're tired and worn out -

People: come and worship!

Leader: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying -

People: come and worship!

Leader: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you -

People: come and worship!

Leader: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you -

People: come and worship!

Leader: For Jesus is humble and gentle, and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

People: Come and Worship!

*HYMN

UMH #395

"Take Time to Be Holy"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Savior and Friend, you call us to lay down our burdens and find rest in a relationship with you. Help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart, that our burdens may be light. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Comforting God, let the Holy Spirit lift the burden from our souls through the reading of your Word for us. May we learn how easy it is to live in a loving relationship with you. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

NT #11

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON

"How Is It with Your Soul?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Matthew 11:28-30, *The Message

Leader: Hear this invitation from Jesus:

All: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

PRAYER

(see insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Felecia Boyce

"There Is a Saviour""

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

UMH #419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN RESPONSE**

UMH #898

POSTLUDE

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

**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.

A new class on "Becoming a Contagious Christian" will begin on Sunday afternoon, August 21, at 4:30 pm. The class is designed to help us share our faith in a way that is comfortable for us. The study will be led by Forrest Horn. For additional information, contact Forrest. For books priced at \$4.00 each, contact the church office or Judi Rose.

Our August mission project, along with the Columbia District United Women in Faith, is to collect needed items for Transitions, which is a homeless shelter that provides many services for our men and women on the streets. There is a "wish list" of personal need items located in the narthex. For additional information, please contact Tiffany Phillips.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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.