

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



September 11, 2022

***Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE "There Is a Fountain"

WELCOME
& ANNOUNCEMENTS Karen Pratt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For God so loved the world,

**People: the sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish,
and the people.**

Leader: For God so loved the world,

**People: in success and failure, in sickness and
health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.**

Leader: For God so loved the world,

**People: enough to become one of us, enough to
suffer along with us, enough to offer new life for
us.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN UMH #418
"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, giver of all light and life, you sent Jesus Christ into the world not to condemn, but to save. Help us to lift up the light of Christ so that the world might believe in him and receive the gift of eternal life, through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Pastor Meegian

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON NT #88
John 3: 16-21

SERMON "Light and Free Living"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH #881

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 B.J. Brazier
"He Lives"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "He Lives" UMH #310

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE UMH #898

POSTLUDE "Arise"

**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.

Today we are participating in the Epworth Children's Home Annual Work Day Offering. Please consider giving generously to support Epworth and its mission to improve and enrich the lives of the children and families that it serves.

Our Fall Revival, "Hope for Tomorrow," begins tonight at 7 pm and will continue through Tuesday. Our guest pastor will be Rev. Angela Ford Nelson. Please invite your family and friends as we join together for a time of renewal. There will be a nursery for the little ones. Services will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Looking for treasures, bargains, and fun? Then join us this Friday and Saturday, September 16 & 17 from 7am till 1 pm at our Annual Yard Sale in the CLC.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11

4:30 "Becoming a Contagious Christian"

7:00 Revival "Hope for Tomorrow"

Monday, September 12

7:00 Revival "Hope for Tomorrow"

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 Revival "Hope for Tomorrow"

Wednesday, September 14

10:00 Pastor's Bible Study

5:30 Choir

6:30 SPRC (parlor)

Thursday, September 15

6:30 Finance Committee (ZOOM)

Friday, September 16

7:00-1:00 Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, September 17

7:00-1:00 Fall Yard Sale

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.