

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



September 18, 2022

***Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE "Whiter Than Snow"

WELCOME
& ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

Leader: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

People: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

Leader: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

People: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

Leader: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

People: We come in celebration and song.

*HYMN UMH #454

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of our salvation, bring your compassion to all of us gathered here this morning, that we may be restored and renewed, encouraged and enlivened, as we turn our faces toward you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT L.W. Smith

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, as we hear your Word, send your Holy Spirit to be our teacher of faith and truth and show us how we are called to live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 16:1-13 NT #74

SERMON "You Can't Serve Two Masters"

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 Abby Branson
"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN UMH #249
"There's a Song in the Air"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE UMH #898

POSTLUDE

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

**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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the yard sale on Friday and Saturday. It was a huge success, not only financially but with many other blessings.

The installation service for Rev. Fran M. Elrod as the new Columbia District Superintendent will be held on Sunday, September 25, from 3-5 pm at Trinity UMC in Blythewood. The time is incorrect on the RUMC September calendar.

Our Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 2, at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend.

Pastor Meegian will be taking some time off September 21 - September 29. She will be available by phone for emergencies.

If you are a member of the Finance Committee, please plan to stay for a short meeting after today's service.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18

12:15 Finance Committee

4:30 "Becoming a Contagious Christian"

Tuesday, September 20

6:30 Leadership Committee

Wednesday, September 21

10:00 Pastor's Bible Study

5:30 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.