

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



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*Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

#### PRELUDE

**WELCOME** Rev. Meegian Gossard  
**& ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

**People: Who would be first in His sight, they wanted to know?**

Leader: And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst. Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, He said.

**People: And whoever receives the Lord, receives the one who sent him.**

Leader: And they looked at the small child and wondered. Lord, help us to open our eyes to your love.

**People: Remind us again, Lord, that we are called to ministries of service.**

Leader: Get us ready, Lord, for the witness you would have us bear.

\*HYMN UMH #568

"Christ for the World We Sing"

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Diane Horn

### WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:33-37 NT #42

**SERMON** Rev. Kathy James  
"Welcoming a Child"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We are children of God. We've been water-washed and Spirit-filled. We're dead to sin and alive in Christ. We're done with law, and live under grace. Our hearts are set on righteousness. Our minds are fixed on life and peace. Suffering is nothing, compared to the glory to come. For we're heirs to the life Christ is bringing! We are children of God! Amen.

### **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**

Choir

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

#### **\*HYMN**

UMH #600

"Wonderful Words of Life"

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **\*AMEN RESPONSE**

UMH #898

### **POSTLUDE**

*\*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.

We welcome Rev. Kathy James to our pulpit this morning. Thank you for bringing God's message and worshipping with us today.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Trunk-or-Treat yesterday. We had a wonderful time!

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 Worship Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 26

10:00 Pastor's Bible Study

5:30 Choir

6:30 SPRC

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.