

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Covenant Renewal
Service***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WHAT IS A COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE?

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us.

People: Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

People: Praise God for making us brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

People: God's glory shines in heaven and on earth. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

UMH #606

"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us. Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT READING**

OT #340

2 Kings 23:1-3

HOMILY

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

WE RENEW OUR COVENANT WITH GOD

PROCLAMATION

INVITATION

COVENANT PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

UMH #117

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***BENEDICTION**

***AMEN RESPONSE**

UMH #898

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

United Methodist Men (UMM) will be meeting on Monday, January 2, at 6:30 pm in the CLC.

United Women of Faith (UWF) will be meeting on Monday, January 2, at 6:30 pm in the CLC. They'll be collecting donations of boxed macaroni and cheese as well as rice for the food pantry.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

6:30 UMM - CLC

6:30 UWF - CLC

Tuesday, January 3

12:15 Trustees Meeting - Crossroads SS Room

6:30 Leadership Team Orientation - Parlor

Wednesday, January 4

5:45 Choir Practice - Choir Room

Thursday, January 5

6:30 Finance Committee Meeting - Zoom

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9 am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am. in the
parlor in the Education Building.

HEARING DEVICES

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.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 12/27/22 = \$3,858.00

Received Year-To-Date (2022) = \$204,043.00

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.