

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**January 8, 2023**

***Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Voice of God prods our hearing.

**People: The activity of God stretches our seeing.**

Leader: Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

**People: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.**

**\*HYMN**

UMH #328

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of all life, you are splendid and strong! Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters. You sit enthroned above the floods of life. As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism, may we also hear you calling us, your beloved, through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother. Amen.

APPORTIONMENTS UPDATE

Rev. Meegian Gossard

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, as these words from Scripture are read, may it be to us as if the heavens are opening, and we see your Spirit descending on us like a dove, revealing your love for us as your daughters and sons. Amen.

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #3

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

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"The Water's Fine"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed

## 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 Felecia Boyce  
"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

### WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN UMH #189  
"Fairest Lord Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

\*AMEN RESPONSE  
"Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say amen, let the church say amen.  
God has spoken, so let the church say amen.

\*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 9, at 6:30 pm in the CLC.

All final apportionments payments must be turned into the church office by Tuesday, January 10, by noon.

Pastor's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, January 11, at 10:30 am in the Crossroads SS room. We'll be studying Max Lucado's book, *Anxious for Nothing*. Books are available to purchase for \$10.

For YouTube online services, you may now go to our website ([www.rumcsc.com](http://www.rumcsc.com)) and click on the new YouTube button.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 9

6:30 UMM – CLC

Wednesday, January 11

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads Classroom

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

## SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9am  
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 01/01/23 = \$2,787.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$2,787.00**

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.