

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***First Sunday
in Lent***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rugina Brazell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: For those who feel Christ near,

People: may we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

Leader: For all of us who stumble and all in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

People: may we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

***HYMN** "Be Still, My Soul" **UMH #534**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Heavenly Father, your Son confronted the powers of darkness that obscure your compassion and love for all of creation; help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer so that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, bless this proclamation of your Word that we may receive the gift of your grace and share it with those who we will meet on this Lenten journey. Speak to us, Lord. Your servants are listening. Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #3

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard

"If You Fall Down"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PSALTER READING

UMH #766

Psalm 32

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

"Give Me Joy in My Heart"

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

*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.

. If you or someone you know needs assistance with filing your income taxes, the Cooperative Ministries' Tax Assistance Program will be in our CLC on March 11, and April 1 from 9-12. For additional information, contact Bill Rose or Tiffany Phillips.

Join Pastor Meegian on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Crossroads SS class for a weekly Bible Study during the Lenten season. The book, "Finding Jesus in the Psalms," is available for \$15. See Judi Rose.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 Worship Committee - ZOOM

Wednesday, March 1

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.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the nursery 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 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 02/5/23 = \$1,724.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$13,760.00

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.