

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



April 16, 2023

***Second Sunday
of Easter***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Meegian Gossard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: My heart is glad!

People: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

Leader: For you do not abandon me.

People: You give me counsel.

Leader: You are at my right hand.

People: You show me the path of life.

Leader: Your presence is sheer joy.

People: You are my God. Blessed is your name!

***HYMN** "Victory in Jesus" **UMH #370**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother, and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death, and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rugina Brazell

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of sacred texts, speak powerfully to us today through what is written in your holy scripture. Help us hear the witnesses to Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, and to the promises of life in his name. Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** **NT #198**
I Timothy 6:11-21

SERMON Rev. Dr. Donnie Bates
"Taking Hold of Our Calling"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **UMH #880**
"The Nicene 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

B.J. Brazier

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*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

“I Surrender All”

UMH #354

*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.

Please join us this afternoon at 3:00 for a special prayer service.

On Saturday, April 22, at 5:00 pm, Almond Ponge and other musicians will present a chamber music concert, “Musical Crossroads” in the sanctuary. It's free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16

3:00 Prayer Service

Wednesday, April 19

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, April 22

11:00 Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation

Luncheon - CLC

5:00 "Musical Crossroads" concert - Sanctuary

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 04/09/23 = \$4,981.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$46,205.00

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.