

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



May 21, 2023

***Seventh Sunday
of Easter***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and praise God!

People: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.

Leader: From east to west, from north to south, praise God.

People: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.

Leader: Who can compare to our God? Seated high above the nations of the earth, God's glory fills the skies.

People: May God's name be blessed both now and forever.

*HYMN

UMH #368

"My Hope Is Built"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, your majesty and glory surround us. We've come together to celebrate your presence. We've come together to rejoice in your mighty acts. Move among us as we worship together. Let your Spirit guide and inspire us as we spend this time in your presence. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

SUMMARY OF 3rd LISTENING SESSION

Forrest Horn

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 Verena Abufaiad
"In the Garden"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN UMH #374
"Standing on the Promises"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE
"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.

You are invited to join us for a prayer service this afternoon at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Please plan to attend our final Listening Session on Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 pm in the CLC. Dinner will be served at 5:30. The topic is "What Now? Next Steps." We had 35 people at the last meeting.

Come and join us for a VBS work day on Thursday, May 25, from 10 am. – 12 pm in the Crossroads SS room. We will be preparing decorations and other items.

In the narthex you will find a tree covered in paper ornaments. Each ornament contains a supply needed for VBS. Any supply you are able to provide is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21

3:00 Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 Worship Committee - ZOOM

Wednesday, May 24

10:30 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads Class

5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, May 25

10:00 VBS Workday – Crossroads Class

6:30 Listening Session – CLC

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 05/14/23=\$2,446.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$65,714.00

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.