



May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Meegian Gossard Pastor (803) 507-4549, magossard@umcsc.org

> Lady Abigail Imperio Minister of Music

Elaine Comstock Administrative Assistant

6911 Two Notch Rd | Columbia SC 29223 803-788-2220

office@rumcsc.com

www.rumcsc.com

www.facebook.com/RehobothUMCsc

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Rose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our refuge.

People: We can find peace in God's abiding love. Leader: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

People: While joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is our strength.

People: We give thanks that the Lord is our refuge and strength.

*HYMN

UMH #557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord of love, you have called us together this day. Help us to appreciate all that you have given us. Help us to seek your hope and peace throughout all our days. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, , by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 7:1-5

SERMON

Rev. Meegian Gossard "Loving the Vampires"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The Apostles' Creed" **UMH #881**

NT #6

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lady Imperio "God Is in This Room"

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #361

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

*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.

A big thank you to our co-chairs, Vie Swindler and Jane Massey, and to all of their volunteers for another great yard sale. It was a huge success. Thanks be to God!

Pastor's Bible Study will be starting back on Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 am – 11:30 am in the Crossroads Sunday School room. We'll be studying the book of Jonah.

Please plan to attend our Listening Session Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 pm in the CLC. The topics are "Why stay UMC?" and "Why separate from the UMC?" We had 25 people at the last meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting concerning the future of our 100+ year old church!

Please join us for an adult Bible study leading up to our "Knights of the North Castle" Vacation Bible School on the five Sundays prior to VBS (May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, and June 25) at 4 pm in the parlor.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 10 10:30 Pastor's Bible Study – Crossroads Class 5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room Thursday, May 11 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 04/30/23 = \$2,679.00 Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$59,632.00

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.