

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



July 16, 2023

*Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God,
People: for the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

People: that we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

People: that we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

People: that we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing.

***HYMN**

UMH #601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We bow before you, O God. We thank you that you revealed your face in Jesus. We see purpose directed by Love. We pray for patience, that we might think beyond our present circumstances. Give us the grace to weigh our actions in light of their consequences. Let us hope for a world that we cannot yet see. We pray O God, that you will move us to act on behalf of others, that both we and they might obtain the freedom of the children of God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laurie Brandes

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Your word, O Lord, is what gives each of us hope and direction in life. It is truly a lamp unto our feet. Give us the wisdom and discernment to learn from you the ways to be a genuinely faithful people. Forgive us where we have failed and open us to the abundant life made possible through Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

SERMON “No Fences” Rev. Laurie Brandes

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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

“”Make Me a Channel”

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH#881

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN**

TFWS #2158

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

***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.

Please join us in the parlor after worship for Pastor Laurie’s welcome reception.

Thank you to everyone who donated blood to the Red Cross last Sunday. Your donation will be used to help someone in need.

The deadline for the Back to School Bash donations is Saturday, July 22. You may bring them to the church office or the donation box in the narthex.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

12:15 Welcome Reception – Parlor

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 Leadership Team - Parlor

Wednesday July 19

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. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 07/09/23=\$3,559.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$87,638.00

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.