

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rugina Brazell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has created us to become brothers and sisters with Jesus Christ in the family of God. Let us praise the Lord!

People: For in everything the Lord works for our good.

Leader: God has called us to be agents of the divine purpose. Let us praise the Lord!

People: For in everything the Lord works for our good.

Leader: God has loved us so that we might mirror that love to one another.

People: For in everything the Lord works for our good.

*HYMN

UMH #600

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord of heaven and earth, hear our plea, for we approach you in weakness and in need. We seek your strength and guidance in our lives. As Jesus became one with you and you with him, make us one with one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dave Petty

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"How Majestic is Your Name"

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God we pray for the gift of your presence. Let us worship you so that we might serve in holiness in this life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

NT# 14

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Hidden Away"

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 Lady Imperio
"Where He Leads Me"

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

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

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN UMH #357
""Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

*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.

Thank you to Tiffany Phillips and Rugina Brazell and all who donated school supplies and assisted with the Back to School Bash yesterday. It was a blessing for everyone!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday August 2

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 07/23/23=\$2,411.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$92,850.00

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.