

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



July 9, 2023

***Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Felecia Boyce

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, all who labor and are heavy-laden,
People: and God will give you rest.

Leader: Take God's yoke upon you,

People: for the Lord is gentle and lowly in heart.

Leader: Come, and find peace for your souls,

People: for the yoke of the Lord is easy, and the burden is light.

***HYMN**

UMH #400

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious God of glory and of mercy, we come to you in our hour of need. Help us repent of our sin against you O God, and our sin against our brothers and sisters. Too often we have failed to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. Give us strength of purpose and help us abide by the holy covenants we have made with you and with our fellow believers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord. Give to us childlike trust, placing our lives in your care.

Open our spirits to hear the comfort and wisdom you speak to us this day. We want to experience a love that will not let us go. Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

#NT 11

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Pulling Together"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

B.J. Brazier

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNTION

UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #526

“What a Friend We Have 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.

We welcome to Rehoboth as our new pastor Rev. Laurie Brandes. Please join us in the parlor next Sunday, July 16, immediately following worship for a welcome reception.

If you have not already registered to donate blood through the Red Cross, they are accepting walk-ins in the CLC today from 10 am-3 pm.

School supplies are now being collected for the Back to School Bash to be held Saturday, July 29, from 11 am – 2 pm. You may drop them off at the church office or place them in the donation box in the narthex. The deadline is Saturday, July 22. Examples of school supplies needed include wide/college ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, and folders. See Tiffany Phillips or Rugina Brazell for more information.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9

10:00 – 3:00 American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday July 5

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 06/25/23=\$1,816.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$81,845.00

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.