

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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***Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vilma Cobb

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and worship the One who lifts up
the weak –

People: And makes them grow strong.

Leader: Come adore the One who shelters the
orphaned –

People: And quiets their pain.

Leader: Come worship the One who brings back
the shunned –

People: And welcomes them in.

**All: Come love the One who embraces our broken
bodies and forgotten spirits. Come, let us love!**

Let us worship our God.

***HYMN**

UMH #391

"O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"

***PSALTER**

Psalm 133

UMH #850

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Laurie

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

"How Great Thou Art"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, we await your salvation with great hope,
trusting in your mercy. Speak to us in this hour
and teach us to listen. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #16

Matthew 15:10-28

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"She's in My Face"

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

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #370

"Victory 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.

The Columbia District UWF 51st Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, September 16, at Grace UMC. The UWF Women of the Year will be honored, including our own Janice Petty. The registration deadline is September 9, and forms are available in the church office.

Thanks to all who attended the very informative congregational meeting and dinner last Thursday evening. Thanks to L.W. Smith for a wonderful meal.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 Worship Committee - ZOOM

Wednesday August 23

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 08/13/23=\$2,841.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$100,493.00

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.