

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**August 27, 2023**

***Thirteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Smith

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Who do we say Jesus is?

**People: Jesus is the Christ of God.**

Leader: Christ summons us to act in ways that displease the crowd.

**People: Our action sometimes belies our confession.**

Leader: Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow him.

**People: Our action sometimes belies our confession.**

Leader: Yet Christ does not forsake us, even though we abandon him.

**All: O Lord, let us this day pursue you as you pursue us, until what we say about you in worship and what people see in us become one. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #529**

"How Firm a Foundation"

**\*PSALTER**

Psalm 124

**UMH #846**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Judi Rose

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM**

Choir

"Seeking the Lost"

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**As we approach you, O God, let us behold the One to whom we listen. Let us heed the One whom we behold. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*EPISTLE LESSON**

**NT #151**

Romans 12:1-8

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**NT #17**

Matthew 16:13-20

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"The One True Rock"

## 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 #539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

#### \*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 Upper Room devotional books for September and October have arrived. We have large and regular print available. They are on the table in the narthex. or you may pick one up from the church office during the week.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday August 30

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 08/20/23=\$2,316.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$102,899.00**

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.