

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



September 17, 2023

***Sixteenth 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: I will sing unto the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider He has thrown into the sea.

People: The Lord is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him. I will exalt my God.

Leader: The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name.

People: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, shattered the enemy.

Leader: In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries; you sent out your fury, it consumed them like stubble.

People: Who is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

All: Sing to the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously, the horse and rider He has thrown into the sea.

***HYMN**

UMH #494

"Kum Ba Yah"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of creation, we pray today that we might join in your plan of creation. In ages past, you liberated Israel from her bondage in Egypt. Today we give thanks that you liberated us from the bondage to sin and death through your Son and our Messiah, Jesus Christ. Give us a spirit of forgiveness that comes from your gracious presence in our lives. Fill our cup with your goodness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Judi Rose

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Felecia Boyce & Bill Rose

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

As we approach you, O God, we become silent in the presence of mercy. We warriors grow calm in the presence of peace. O God, we await your revelation, and your holy word to us this day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #19

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Once More From the Heart"

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 #365

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

***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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 19

6:30 Leadership Team - Parlor

Wednesday September 20

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 09/10/23=\$1,970.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$112,965.00

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.