

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



September 24, 2023

***Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Rose

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come to the Lord who alone is our God.

**People: Let us forsake the god we have forged
with our own hands.**

Leader: Come and bow down before the Lord your
Maker,

**People: And declare God's wonderful works
together.**

***HYMN**

TFWS #2176

"Make Me a Servant"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord, you run to greet us even before we turn
toward home. We cannot flee from your presence.
When we pass through the fire, you are there. So
we call upon your name, no matter where we are,
for you are near. Help us this day to be alive to
your presence. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jane Massey

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judi Rose

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise/Jesus Loves Me"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, we ask that you renew in us the joy of our
salvation. Grant us a fresh vision of our
neighbors and ourselves as creatures fashioned in
your image. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #20

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"It's Not Fair!"

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 #396

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*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 Food Pantry needs pasta items such as boxed mac & cheese, spaghetti noodles, etc. Your donations may be placed in the box in the narthex or you may bring them to the church office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 Worship Committee - ZOOM

Wednesday September 27

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 09/17/23=\$3,198.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$116,163.00

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.