

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**October 15, 2023**

***Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forrest Horn

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

**People: We will be a haven for the poor.**

Leader: The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

**People: We will be a stronghold for the worn.**

Leader: The hand of God rests upon this mountain.

**People: We will be a shelter from the storm.**

Leader: This is our God!

**People: We are God's beloved mountain.**

**All: By God's hand shall this mountain be moved.**

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #339**

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

**\*PSALTER**

**UMH #829**

"Psalm 106:1-12, 19-23, 47-48"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jo Daniels

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O maker of peace, on your people pour your power. Show us your strength, a strength that is not measured in numbers. Great is your peace O God, and greatly to be praised. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**NT #23**

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Dressed to Party"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

**OFFERTORY**

Lady Imperio

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH #95**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**UMH #12**

**WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #399**

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

**\*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.

Please join the United Women in Faith (UWF) and the United Methodist Men (UMM) for their monthly meetings on Monday, October 2, at 6:30 pm in the CLC. The speaker for the UWF will be Flo Johnson. A meal will be served at both meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have you ever wanted to serve in one of our worship services? We have openings for worship leaders, ushers, choir members, children's moments, and readers. Please let Judi Rose or Pastor Laurie know if you have an interest in any of these positions.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 10, at 5:30 pm for our third congregational gathering. A meal will be served at 5:30. At 6:30 we will have a presentation on updated information of the discernment process as well as a discussion on our continued ministries thru 2023. The Leadership Team encourages everyone to participate and be part of planning our future.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15

12:30 Charge Conference - sanctuary

Tuesday, October 17

6:30 Leadership Team - parlor

Wednesday, October 18

5:45 Choir Practice - Choir Room

Saturday, October 21

3:00 -5:00 Trunk or Treat - parking lot

## 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 09/24/23=\$1,986.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$118,149.00**

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.