

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**October 22, 2023**

***Twenty-first  
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: Bring yourselves before the Lord!

**People: We offer our faithful works, our loving efforts, and our constant hopes to the glory of God.**

Leader: Bring yourselves before the Lord!

**People: We await the gospel, in word and in power, in the Holy Spirit and in full conviction!**

**\*HYMN**

**TFWS #2150**

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

**\*PSALTER**

Psalm 99

**UMH #819**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Dan O'Donnell

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Pastor Laurie

## **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, we hear a distant voice calling. Draw closer, visit us. Grasp our hands and lead us, that we may know it is you. You will open doors never before opened; you will unlock gates that have always been closed. Then we will know it is you who goes before us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**OT #77**

Exodus 33:12-23

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**NT #23**

Matthew 22:15-22

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

*"These Beauties Are Mine"*

## **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

TFWS #2243

"We All Are One in Mission"

### \*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.

Thank you to Tiffany Phillips, Rugina Brazell, and everyone who participated in our annual Trunk or Treat event for our children and the children of our community.

We will continue to receive pledge cards at the altar rail today and through next Sunday. If you would like, you may also place your card in the offering plate, drop it by the church office, or mail it to the attention of Neil Smoak, Financial Secretary.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 Worship Committee - ZOOM

Wednesday, October 25

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 10/15/23=\$1,314.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$132,008.00**

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.