

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



October 29, 2023

***Consecration
Sunday***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vilma Cobb

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Worship the Lord with joyful hearts –

People: not to please one another, but to praise God.

Leader: Worship the Lord with joyful minds –

People: Not to gratify our neighbor, but to glorify God.

All: Worship the Lord with your heart, soul and mind! Come, let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN**

TFWS #2223

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, how we try to love you with our whole being. Sometimes our hearts waver, our souls flutter, our minds wander. Hear our prayer, that we might be filled by you, and that we might fulfill the Spirit of the law. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Vilma Cobb

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"Without Love"

SPECIAL MOMENT

Joe McGee

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

We listen to you, O God, giver of the law of love. Help us to hear and know you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #24

Matthew 22:34-46

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Less Is More"

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

*CONSECRATION PRAYER

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

TFWS #2086

"Open Our Eyes"

*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.

We will host a Veterans Helping Veterans event on Sunday, November 12, from 5 – 8 pm for all veterans. Our honored guests will be World War II veterans. Col. Robert Manning, ret. will be the guest speaker and music will be provided by the All Veteran Brass Quintet. A meal will be served following the program. You may contact L.W. Smith, Dave Petty, Bill Rose, or Forrest Horn for more information.

It's time to order poinsettias. The deadline is Thursday, November 9. The cost is \$15.00. If you would like to place an order in memory of or to honor someone, please complete the order form or contact the church office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 1

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 10/22/23=\$4,055.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$136,063.00

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.