

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



October 8, 2023

***Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hear the song God sings to the people!

People: A love song greets our happy ears!

Leader: O Earth, sing a song; throw your head back and sing!

People: The Keeper who tends you shall hear you and come!

***HYMN**

TFWS #2164

"Sanctuary"

***PSALTER**

UMH #750

"Psalm 19"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

L.W. Smith

"Every Little Bit Goes a Long Way"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rugina Brazell

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"Make a Joyful Noise"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, you have such plans for us. Help us to see our lives with your heavenly vision. Let our earthbound eyes see our higher calling, that your will might be done. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #22

Matthew 21: 33-46

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"

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 #77

"How Great Thou Art"

*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 us on Tuesday, October 10, at 5:30 pm for our third congregational gathering. Updated information regarding the discernment process will be presented and our ministries thru 2023 will be discussed. The Leadership Team hopes you will participate and be a part of planning our future.

Halloween is coming, and our annual "Trunk or Treat" is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 3 - 5 pm. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Decorate your trunk and bring candy as we share with the children of our neighborhood.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 10

5:30 Congregational gathering w/meal - CLC

Wednesday, October 11

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 10/01/23=\$8,600.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$126,749.00

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.