

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**January 14, 2024**

***Baptism  
of the Lord***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Felecia Boyce

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Holy and Loving God, when your light shines, nothing is hidden. When your light shines on us, there is joy in seeing.

**People: Help us, by your love, to bear the light of your truth and your integrity, your forgiveness and your faithfulness.**

Leader: Bring us out of hiding that we may become children of light,

**People: Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

UMH #395

"Take Time to Be Holy"

### \*PSALTER

Psalms 29

UMH #761

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM

Choir

"How Great is Our God"

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we thank you for making yourself known to us; for revealing yourself to the world. We are thankful for the long unfolding of your revelation. Today we thank you above all for the shining light of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.

### \*GOSPEL LESSON

NT #32

Mark 1:4-11

### SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Beloved"

## 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 #189

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

#### \*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.

A church conference to vote on separating from The United Methodist Church will be held Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All members are asked to attend.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, January 15

MLK, Jr. Birthday – **church office closed**

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 Leadership Team - parlor

Wednesday, January 17

5:30 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

**2024 Budget = \$220,951.00**

**Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,249.00**

**Received for General Budget on 01/07/24 = 3,561.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$3,561.00**

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.