Your Friendly Community Church



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First Sunday in Lent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rugina Brazell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has been faithful, but we have been faithless.

People: Remember us, O Lord, not according to our transgressions but according to your love.

Leader: The Lord has revealed to us the paths of truth, but we have strayed from those paths.

People: Yet if we turn to the Lord in repentance, the Lord may still turn to us in mercy.

Leader: The rainbow is in the clouds; the Lord remembers our covenant.

People: Forgive us, O God, and we will be faithful.

All: And we too will remember that our covenant is forever.

*HYMN UMH #419

"I am Thine O Lord"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY UMH#757

Psalm 25:1-10

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Jane Massey We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Ladies Ensemble "I Love You, Lord"

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, give us a penitent heart, and fill us with an obedient spirit, that we might discern and do your will. Restore to us the joy of our salvation, that we might become the agents of your mission. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON NT #33

Mark 1:9-15

SERMON Rev. Laurie Brandes "Faithfulness in the Desert"

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

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #370

"Victory in Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

February 13th Rehoboth UMC voted to leave the United Methodist Church. The Leadership team will meet February 20th. at 6:30, to begin this transition process. Rehoboth will remain part of the UMC until June 30, 2024.

The Cooperative Ministries' Tax Assistance Program will be in our CLC on February 24, March 9, and March 23 from 9-1.

Pastor Laurie is serving on a mission weekend at Asbury Hills Feb 23-25. For pastoral care emergencies, please call Rev. Ashley at Asbury UMC (803) 470-5371.

You are invited to a free concert given by the Columbia Concert Band, conducted by B.J. Brazier, on Sunday, February 25, at 4 pm. The concert will be held at Airport High School Auditorium, 1315 Boston Ave., West Columbia, SC 29170.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 19
Church office closed
Tuesday, February 20
6:30 Leadership Committee - Parlor
Wednesday, February 21
5:30 Choir Practice - Choir Room
Saturday, February 24
9:00-1:00 VITA Tax Service - CLC

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.

2024 FINANCES

2024 Budget = \$220,951.00 Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,249.00 Received for General Budget on 02/11/24 = \$1031.00 Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$13,695.00

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.