

Your Friendly  
Community Church



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*5th Sunday  
After Epiphany*

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# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION**

**PRELUDE**

Lady Imperio

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sherry Smoak

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** If you cry the cry of the brokenhearted, your God shall hear and bind you up.

**People:** If we plead the plea of the outcast, our God shall hear and bring us in.

**All:** Let us rejoice and bind up all wounds; let us rejoice and bring all peoples in! For the world is the Lord's, and we are God's people together!

**\*HYMN**

**UMH #314**

“In the Garden”

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God, who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds, hear us, for we are hurting. Do not pass us by O Lord. Enter this house. Come to us. Take us by the hand and lift us up, so that we may minister to you and the family of God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

Lady Imperio and Choir

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Open our hearts O God, that we may perceive what is real, what is desirable, what is good. Show us again what strength is, and what might can do, if it is yours. Help us to embody it, as the disciples did, who understood and served. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

**NT #33**

Mark 1: 29-39

**SERMON**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

“Praying the Work”

## 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 #12

## WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

#### \*HYMN

UMH #352

“It's Me, It's Me, O Lord”

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*AMEN RESPONSE

“Let the Church Say Amen”

#### \*POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the CLC immediately following today's worship service for a Congregational Finance meeting. A light meal will be served. This meeting will provide information regarding what it will cost to separate from the United Methodist Church. This meeting will provide the same information that was presented this past Thursday evening. If you were unable to attend that meeting, please plan to join us today.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm. This is our voting date to make our decision about remaining with the United Methodist Church or separating from them. All members are asked to attend. If you need a ride to any of our meetings, please contact the church office.

Pastor Laurie will be out of town on Tuesday, February 6 – Thursday, February 8 at a continuing education conference. If you have an emergency, please call her cell phone and she will connect you with the pastor on call in Columbia.

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

- Sunday, February 4 – **Congregational Finance Meeting**  
w/Meal Immediately Following 11:00 am Worship Service
- Monday, February 5 – **Men in Ministry**  
CLC 6:30 pm
- Monday, February 5 – **United Women in Faith**  
CLC 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 7 – **Choir Practice**  
Choir Room 5:30 pm
- Thursday, February 8 – **Finance Committee**  
Zoom 6:30 pm

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

You are welcomed to attend our Sunday School classes:

**Crossroads SS Class** meets via Zoom at 9am  
Contact L.W. Smith for a 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 01/28/24 = \$1,596.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$8,016.00**

We are excited to have you in our worship service today.  
We love that the walls of our building do not limit the im-  
pact of our ministry and have a wonderful community join-  
ing 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 repre-  
sent are being recorded for our digital usage. This includes,  
but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements  
in today's services.