

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



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*Fourth Sunday
in Lent*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Felecia Boyce

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose culture puts ease before ethics.

People: Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.

Leader: How can we sing the Lord's song? We live in a land whose business puts success before service.

People: Jesus lived in such a land, yet he sang the Lord's song.

Leader: How can we sing the Lord's song? The faithful life is a lonely life.

People: Jesus has promised that, as the Lord was with him, so shall the Lord be in us.

***HYMN**

UMH #61

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and gracious God, you do not trade love for love but give love without price. You do not return evil for evil. You do not crucify sinners but die in their place. We are as helpless to explain your ways as we are anxious to share your presence. We are bold to ask for the gift of your presence in our congregation, and for the guidance of your Spirit in our worship. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"The Heart Sings On"

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Let the love that lifted Jesus' first disciples lift us. Raise our vision to the mountaintops, enabling us to scale the heights and leave behind the land and life of our exile forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #3

Matthew 4:18-22

SERMON

Rev. Noble Miller
"Fans or Followers"

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 #382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

***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 welcome in the pulpit today Rev. Noble Miller, retired United Methodist pastor. Rev. Miller served at Pastor Laurie's home church, Asbury UMC, Columbia. He was also very active in the UMC's Volunteers in Mission. We thank him for preaching today while Pastor Laurie is on Vacation. Pastor Laurie will return to the office tomorrow, March 11.

Today is the deadline for ordering Easter Lilies; please place order forms in the offering plate.

The Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24 from 2-4. Please drop off candy donations in the Narthex or to the church office by March 17.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

9:00 Sound System & Video Training- Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 13

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, March 14

6:30 Finance- ZOOM

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 03/03/24 = \$4,040.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$22,288.00

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.