

*Your Friendly  
Community Church*



**March 17, 2024**

***Fifth 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 hour comes, and now is, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with my people.

**People: It shall not be written upon the tablets of stone, but upon the tablets of the heart.**

**All: Waken our ears, O Lord, and speak to us the words of your covenant.**

**\*HYMN**

UMH #362

"Nothing but the Blood"

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

UMH #785

"Psalm 51:1-17"

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Rev. Laurie Brandes

We invite any children to participate.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

**ANTHEM**

Dr. Lady Imperio

"Lord, Be Glorified"

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**O God, we pray that your spirit will descend upon us and remake us from the inside out. Lift the scales from our eyes so that we shall behold the members of your family and ours. Render our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #100

John 12:20-33

**Sermon**

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Following Jesus is a Journey"

## 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

Dr. Lady Imperio

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

## WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

UMH #419

"I am Thine, O 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.

Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt next Saturday, March 24 from 2-4.

We would like to congratulate Dr. Lady-Abigail Imperio on passing her doctoral dissertation defense and earning her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Pedagogy.

Holy Week is almost here and will start next week with Palm Sunday. Invite your family and friends to worship with us throughout the week.

Sunday, March 24

11:00am - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28

6:30pm - Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29

6:30pm - Good Friday

Sunday, March 31

7:00am - Sunrise Service  
*followed by breakfast*  
11:00am - Easter Service

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 Leadership- Parlor

Wednesday, March 20

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, March 23

9:00-1:00 VITA Tax Service- CLC

2:00-4:00 Children's Easter Egg Hunt- 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 03/10/24 = \$1,029.00**

**Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$22,317.00**

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.