

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



April 28, 2024

***Fifth Sunday
of Easter***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tiffany Phillips

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

People: Together we shall read and understand.

Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break bread.

People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

All: Together we shall risk, and behold, we shall be changed.

***HYMN**

UMH #381

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***PSALTER**

Psalm 23

UMH #754

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laurie Brandes

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Dr. Lady Imperio

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Christ is the vine Lord, make us the branches.

Whatever you ask us to be, we shall be. Whatever you ask us to do, shall be done. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #97

John 1:7-18

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"God the Shepherd"

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

"Only Trust Him"

UMH #337

*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.

Please plan to remain after our worship service today for a congregational meeting to confirm the decision to associate with the Global Methodist Church. This will be a short meeting, and your attendance is important.

You are invited to the 43rd year celebration of the Columbia Community Concert Band entitled "Sounds of Music in the Air" conducted by our own B.J. Brazier this afternoon at 4 pm at the Airport High School Auditorium, 1315 Boston Ave., West Columbia, SC 29170. Free admission!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

12:15 Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 1

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.

2024 FINANCES

2024 Budget = \$220,951.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,249.00

Received for General Budget on 04/14/24 = \$2,124.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = 34,657.00

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.