

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



April 7, 2024

***Second Sunday
of Easter***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Rose

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.

People: Praise God for breaking the chains of sin!

Leader: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.

People: Praise God for breaking the bonds of death!

Leader: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ.

People: Praise God for releasing the forces of love!

All: Let us join with God's people everywhere and praise Jesus Christ the Lord!

***HYMN**

UMH #334

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

***PSALTER**

UMH #850

Psalm 133

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Dana Haban

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter, and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Assure us once again of our Lord's promise to be with us always. Be present with us now to make us whole and to make us holy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #108

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

""Church of the Locked Doors""

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

UMH #156

"I Love to Tell the Story"

*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.

There will be a short congregational meeting immediately following the worship service this morning. Please plan to join us as information will be shared regarding the new church, including the Methodist denomination and other important points of interest.

Pastor Laurie is leaving today for a mission trip to Asbury Hills with a construction team. She will return to Columbia Friday, April 12. For emergencies, please call Rev. Ashley at Ashbury UMC (803) 470-5371. You may also contact Pastor Laurie, but she will have very limited internet and cell service in camp.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 7

12:15 Congregational Update

Wednesday, April 10

5:30 Choir Practice - Choir Room

Thursday, April 11

6:30 Finance Committee - 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 03/31/24 = \$2,980.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = 30,460.00

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.