

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



May 12, 2024

*Seventh Sunday
of Easter*

Mother's Day

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judi Rose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come singing, and we shall be one,
even as harmony and melody are one.

**People: We come to the God who gives us song,
and to whose lead we lend our voices.**

Leader: Let us come dancing, and we shall be one,
even as rhythm and motion are one.

**People: We come to the God who gives us dance,
and to whose movements we adapt our steps.**

**All: We come to our birthplace, and we shall be
one. We come to our God, we shall be one!**

*HYMN

UMH #92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PSALTER

Psalm 47

UMH #781

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Judi Rose

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Choir

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**In you O God, we have life, not for our sake, but
for the sake of this world. As you sent Christ into
the world to save it, so you send us. Strengthen
our fragility, Lord, that we may not break. Tend
our life so that it may grow. In Jesus' name we
pray, Amen.**

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

NT #103

2 Timothy 1:3-8

SERMON

Rev. Robert Cox

"Job 1"

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 #557

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome in the pulpit today Rev. Robert Cox. We thank him for bringing God's word to us today while Pastor Laurie is celebrating her son's graduation. Pastor Laurie will return to the office tomorrow.

VBS is scheduled for June 2- June 5. Sign up to help in the narthex. Safe Sanctuary Training will be next Sunday following Worship.

There are calendar corrections for the month of May. Please see the back of your bulletin for corrected dates.

Epworth Children's Home relies heavily on the donations received from Mother's Day offerings to provide direct care for the children residing at Epworth and families receiving support through their other programs. Children connected to Epworth have experienced a great deal of loss. While meeting their basic needs, Epworth also encourages true healing through Christ and ensures that children are surrounded by loving Christian adults so they can break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame while replacing it with a life of self-respect, responsibility, and productivity. We play a large part in making this possible. Please give generously today as we help break the cycle.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 15

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

**May calendar corrections/updates:*

May 19- Safe Sanctuary Training 12:00

May 21- Leadership 6:30

May 28- Worship 6:30

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 05/05/24 = \$3,242.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = \$40,693.00

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.