

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



May 5, 2024

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rugina Brazell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing a new song to the Lord our God, a song resounding to the ends of the earth!

People: A song of birth and gladness,

Leader: A song of life and peace!

People: A song of love and victory,

Leader: A song of faith and power!

All: Our blinded eyes are opened, our deafened ears are unstopped, our crippled feet are leaping, and our muted tongues have found their song!

***HYMN**

UMH #469

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

***PSALTER**

Psalm 98

UMH #818

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laurie Brandes

We invite any children to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Verena Abufiaid

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, this is our new identity: though we are servants of God, we are the friends of Christ. This is our new calling: to love one another as we have been loved. This is our new commandment: to love our God with all our being, and love our neighbors as ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #103

John 15:9-17

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Life Giving Love"

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

Verena Abufiaid

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Laurie is leaving today for vacation and will return to the office Monday, May 13. For emergencies, please call Pastor Ashley at Asbury UMC. 803-470-5371.

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 5. We need your help with filling spots, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to assist. A safe sanctuary training will be held Sunday, May 19 following worship for all volunteers.

Mother's Day is next Sunday and it is often a day that brings up a variety of emotions for all of us. For the children at Epworth Children's Home, these emotions are front and center as they go through this time of year without their mothers. It is our role as Christians to make sure that on Mother's Day and every day, the children at Epworth have everything they need to be loved and grow up happy and healthy. Epworth offers a safe environment surrounded by loving Christian adults such as educational tutors, counselors, pastors, and cottage parents. Next Sunday we will collect a special offering for Epworth. We ask that you prayerfully consider the gift God is calling you to share next Sunday.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, May 6

6:00 UWF- CLC

6:30 UMM- CLC

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, May 9

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 04/28/24 = \$1,355.00

Received Year-To-Date (2024) = 37,451.00

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.