

June 18, 2023



June 18, 2023 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship — Holy Manna"
Arr. Samuel Wellman, Piano, Verlene Thorp

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: Let us sing to God who blesses abundantly. **People: O God, give us light to out hearts and minds.** Liturgist: Trust in God's steadfast love; rejoice in God's salvation. **People: God meets us here and answers our soul's longings. Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN No. 434 "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Bruce Brackman

Merciful God, we humble ourselves before you today to confess the ways in which we have failed. We have fallen short of your call to welcome all your children, to include enemies and even those different than we are. You have called us to give the cup of cold water to even the least, but we look the other way. You know our hesitations God. You know our fears and doubts and selfish ways. Forgive us and give us courage to serve you in all our actions. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 19:2-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8

*Please stand if you are able.

MESSAGE You are Called—The Harvest is Plentiful

The Rev. Bruce Brackman

HYMN No. 525 "Here I Am Lord"

Chancel and Sign Choirs will sing the three verses alone, and when they sing "whom shall I send," the congregation is to respond by singing the chorus, "Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? ..."

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory	"Sonata—Aria Longa 423"	Scarlatti
*Doxology	(Hymnal # 592)	
Prayer of Dedic	ation	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation responds, "<u>hear our prayer</u>" following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 343 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Siyahamba" Zulu Melody

Setting by John Carter

The Week Ahead ...

Monday, June 19 4:00 pm—Sign Choir 5:00 pm—Session at Jan Boatman's house Tuesday, June 20: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Wednesday, June 21 Thursday, June 22 10:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Chancel Choir Friday, June 23 9:30 am—Merry Marthas Saturday, June 24 Sunday, June 25 8:15 am—Adult Sunday School 8:30 am—Journeys Class (Zoom) **10:00 am**— Worship (Livestream available) 11:00 am— Pot Luck Luncheon Honoring Pastor Chris



Note: The calendar includes all known church events at time of printing.

Please remember to contribute food and sundries to The Market at Crossroads, by placing items in the grocery cart found in the narthex. The Mission and Outreach Committee will take the donations to Crossroads on Tuesday, June 20th. The Market at Crossroads needs gluten-free foods, salad dressings, pasta for cold salads, real mayonnaise, crackers and chips, lemonade and iced tea, sunscreen for kids, and reusable cloth shopping bags.

Pot Luck Lunch for Pastor Chris after worship service on June 26th. To thank Chris and to say farewell, we will have a pot luck lunch after the service on Sunday, June 25th, which will be his last Sunday in the pulpit. Please bring a main dish, salad or desert to share, and stay for lunch and a time of fellowship.

For your calendar: The church parking lot will be resurfaced Tuesday, June 27th through Saturday, July 1st. The church will always be accessible. One drive at a time will be closed.

