

## **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

Prayer candles are available at the communion rail Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes Please silence your electronic devices

## THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

#### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I've Got Peace Like a River* David Schelat Text & Tune at TFWS #2145

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Liturgist

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed,

but to be welcomed and embraced.

Liturgist

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Liturgist

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God.

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN\*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH #154 vss. 1, 3 - 4, 6

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

Almighty God,

You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times,

we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

And still other times,

we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, too often, we think we are adults, and have figured it all out and know our own way,

only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God,

that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight,

that we always have much to learn.

Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,

and help us to return to the path and walk with You.

In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. AMEN.

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

Pastor

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

AMEN.

THE GLORIA PATRI\*

UMH #70

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PSALM

Psalm 71: 1 - 6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Larry Sue *Be Thou My Vision* Text & Tune at UMH #451

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY\*

UMH #94

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 12: 18 - 29

**THE MESSAGE** The Reverend Don Ackerman Cannot Be Shaken

**THE CLOSING HYMN\*** *My Hope is Built* 

UMH #368

THE BENEDICTION\*

**THE POSTLUDE**Fugue in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

\* - Please stand as you are able TFWS - The Faith We Sing UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

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## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Pastor

Nancy Pierson Liturgist

Julie Smith
Director of Children's Ministries

## The Crossroads Handbell Choir

Karen Zotta, Director

Christopher Dazey Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

## **Crossroads Community Action**

Our Next Meeting: **TODAY** 

11:15 am - Wesley Hall

See Megan Smith for details

Everyone is welcome!

# Fall Newsletter

## **Deadline TODAY**

Our next print newsletter will be our special Fall edition with news about all the things coming up in September, October and November

> Submit your Fall activities and other announcements to Christopher Dazey: christopher@crossroads120.org



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