

## **Cross Carrier at the 11:00 Service**

### **What you need:**

You will need a robe. There are several sizes of robes hanging on the coat rack in the narthex. That's all! You will pick up the cross inside the Sanctuary.

### **What you do:**

You will carry the cross, leading the processional and recessional hymns.

The cross is stored in a stand behind the first big column in the Sanctuary, on the lectern side. (It is too tall to take in and out of the doors.) Right before the service starts go get the cross out of the stand and bring it back to the center aisle. Again, don't go through the doors, just walk through the break in the pews at the back of the sanctuary. Take care not to bump the cross on the balcony.

*IMPORTANT!! How to carry the cross: The cross is very tall, so the farther your hands are apart, the better. Place your top hand as high as is comfortable and grip with your thumb pointing down. Then use your other hand to hold the post lower, like by your hip. Hold the cross as straight up as you can. And make sure it is facing forward (there's no front or back, just make sure it's not sideways).*

Processional: As the organ begins the first hymn, walk up the center aisle. Don't hurry, and feel free to smile. You are carrying the great symbol of the Christian faith! When you get to the end of the aisle, before you go up the steps, walk to the right of the chancel. There is a big wooden stand where you will place the cross for the rest of the service. Once the cross is in place, walk back to the center and wait until the last choir member has gone past. Then go sit in the back choir pew (same side as the cross), usually next to the bible carrier.

Recessional: When the organ begins the final hymn of the service, stand and walk to get the cross. Pick it up from the stand and walk back to the center aisle. Turn and walk back down the aisle, to the back of the Sanctuary. When you get to the end of the aisle, walk between the break in the pews on the left (be careful of the balcony!), and place the cross back in its original stand.

**Feel free to practice ahead of time if you are nervous. And thank you for leading the church in holy worship!!**