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**Crossroads**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



***Fourth Sunday***

*September 27, 2020*  
*11:00 A.M.*

***The Rev. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher***

<i>Lay Leader: Cleveland Robinson</i>	<i>Worship Leader: Susan Small</i>
<i>Pianist: Paul Settles</i>	<i>Drums: Ben Wilkinson</i>
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COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 33:1-5*

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

**All: Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**All: For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.**

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

**All: The earth is full of His unfailing love.**

OPENING PRAISE

*Hymn No.14*

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

**(Unison)**

Holy God, when we sing "rejoice, ye pure in heart" we are painfully aware that our hearts are not pure. We confess that even as we worship You, we struggle not to be focused on ourselves instead. We seek to honor you in the way we treat others, in the way we conduct our lives, but we always fall short of your perfection. We want to be gracious and wise in our speech and our actions, but we too often find ourselves feeling foolish, rash, or judgmental. Forgive us, Lord, through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, on our behalf, and give us clean hearts and steadfast spirits through the work of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Lay Leader**

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

*- Isaiah 55:6-7*

CONTINUING PRAISE IN SONG

*Hallelujah Side*

*Establish the Work of Our Hands*

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS (video)

Richard and Amanda Coleman and family

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please remember the Deacon's Fund in your giving this week. Text and online giving available, see the website for information.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

**Praise Team**

*"Nara Ekele Mo"*

PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS

**Lay Leader**

SCRIPTURE READING

*If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.*

Nehemiah 6:1-9

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

*Response: Thanks be to God*

SERMON

**Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**

Series: The Prayers of a Cupbearer, part 4

*"Pray My Strength in the Lord"*

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAISE

*Hymn No. 365*

*I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong*

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.  
GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

*Hymn= Hymns for the Living church.  
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*\* Prayer by Susan Small*

**REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART**      No. 14

Rejoice, ye pure in heart,  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your King.

**Refrain**

Rejoice, rejoice. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow-crowned age,  
Strong men and maidens fair,  
Raise high your free, exulting song,  
God's wondrous praise declare.

[Refrain]

With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
True rapture, noblest mirth!

[Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path,  
Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day,  
In gladness and in woe.

[Refrain]

Still lift your standard high,  
Still march in firm array;  
As warriors through the darkness toil  
Till dawns the golden day.

[Refrain]

Edward H. Plumptre

## HALLELUJAH SIDE

1. Once a sinner far from Jesus,  
I was perishing with cold,  
But the blessed Savior heard me when I cried;  
Then He threw His robe around me,  
And He led me to His fold,  
And I'm living on the hallelujah side.

### **Refrain**

Oh, glory be to Jesus, let the hallelujahs roll;  
Help me ring the Savior's praises far and wide,  
For I've opened up tow'rd heaven  
All the windows of my soul,  
And I'm living on the hallelujah side.

2. Tho' the world may sweep around me  
With her dazzle and her dreams,  
Yet I envy not her vanities and pride,  
For my soul looks up to heaven,  
Where the golden sunlight gleams,  
And I'm living on the hallelujah side.

[Refrain]

3. Not for all earth's golden millions  
Would I leave this precious place?  
Tho' the tempter to persuade me oft has tried,  
For I'm safe in God's pavilion,  
Happy in His love and grace,  
And I'm living on the hallelujah side.

[Refrain]

4. Here the sun is always shining,  
Here the sky is always bright;  
'Tis no place for gloomy Christians to abide,  
For my soul is filled with music  
And my heart with great delight,  
And I'm living on the hallelujah side.

[Refrain]

5. And upon the streets of glory,  
When we reach the other shore,  
And have safely crossed the Jordan's rolling tide,  
You will find me shouting Glory  
Just outside my mansion door  
Where I'm living on the hallelujah side.

[Refrain]

## ***OFFERTORY***

### **ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS**

If You don't build it, we labor in vain,  
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength.  
I know my time is passing away,  
But the works of Your hands are what will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
O Lord, establish the work of our hands!

Teach us to number the length of our days,  
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise.  
Teach us to run, to finish the race,  
For only what's done in love will remain.  
Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us...

O Lord, establish the work of our hands!  
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - luia, al - le - luia  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - luia,  
Al - le - luia (repeat indefinitely)

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### **NARA EKELE MO (TAKE MY THANKSGIVING)**

**Leader:** You've done so much for me.  
I cannot tell it all.

**Singers:** Nar ekele mo

**Leader:** If I had ten thousand tongues  
It still won't be enough

**Singers:** Nar ekele mo

**Leader:** Chukwu na gwom o ria le

(God that heals my sickness)

When You heal, You heal completely

**Singers:** Nar ekele mo

**Leader:** Chukwu mar' obim o

(God that knows my heart)

Isi ikendu le

(Living water)

**Singers:** Nar ekele mo

Chorus:

What shall I render to Jehovah?

For He has done so very much for me

What shall I render to Jehovah?

For He has done so very much for me

Nara, nara eh. Nar ekele.

Nar ekele mo.

Nara, nara eh

Nara, nara eh. Nar ekele.

Nar ekele mo.

REPEAT ALL

**I AM WEAK, BUT THOU ART STRONG**  
**(Just a Closer Walk with Thee)**      **No. 365**

I am week, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

**Refrain:**

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, if You please.  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain