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Crossroads
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Third Sunday

August 21, 2022
11:00 A.M.

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

Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong *Worship Leader: Maggie Sofidiya*
Pianist: Kristi Helfen *Drums: Ben Wilkinson*

GATHERING SONG *Through the Red Sea*

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP **Lay Leader**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Sing to the Lord all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless His name.

People: Tell of His salvation from day to day.

ORIGINS OF A HYMN **Kessia Fon**

OPENING HYMN *Before the Throne of God Above*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsive*)

Leader: Father God, we have many short comings and weakness.

People: Forgive us we pray.

Leader: We do not follow Your leading and wander away from You.

People: Forgive us we pray.

Leader: We are proud and stubborn and self-centered.

All: Forgive us we pray, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us as we deserve for His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. *

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE
*The Lord Has a Will
Jesus, Your Name Is Power
Majesty*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS **Gary Lane**
Mission Discovery

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please remember the Deacons Fund of Crossroads Church in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Kristi Helfen**
"Wonderful Words of Life"
By Phillip Bliss/Carol Tornquist

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
Doxology

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (*Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class*)

+SCRIPTURE READING
If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Hebrews 11:29

Reader: The Word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**
Series: By Faith: A Journey Through Hebrews 11, part 16
"Dry Land and Drowned Haters"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN *Through the Red Sea*
BENEDICTION **People: Amen**
POSTLUDE *"I Sing of the Mighty Power of God"*

By Forest Green/Martha Sherrill Kelsey
WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.
GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.
Hymns for the Living Church (Music and words approved CCLI License No. 58738)
+ No entry at this time. * *Prayers by Maggie Sofidiya*

History of "Before the throne of God Above"

This is a hymn that is rich with theology and imagery about Christ as our intercessor before the Father. The lyrics were written in Ireland by a woman named Charitie Lees Bancroft and was originally introduced under the title of *The Advocate* in 1863. By 1884 it was included in Charles Spurgeon's *Our Own Hymn Book*. The hymn briefly rose in popularity during the 1870s then lay near dormant for almost 100 years until it began getting published again in hymnals around 1970. Its most recent revival came when Vikki Cook of Sovereign Grace Worship, wrote a new tune for this text in 1997. This new version was made popular from recordings featuring Kristyn Getty. *Before the Throne of God Above* does a wonderful job of teaching the powerful themes from Hebrews 4:

1. Christ is our intercessor and advocate before the Father.
2. There is no guilt or condemnation for those who are in Christ.
3. Jesus is the perfect propitiation for our sins and will keep us until the end.

OPENING HYMN

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect Plea
A great high priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangable I am

The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

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With Christ, my Savior and my God
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My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

THE LORD HAS A WILL

The Lord has a will,
And I have a need
To follow that will,
To humbly be still,
To rest in it, nest in it,
Fully be blessed in it,
Following my Father's will.

Amy Grant

JESUS, YOUR NAME IS POWER

Jesus, Your name is power
Jesus, Your name is might
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold
Jesus, Your name is life

Jesus, Your name is healing
Jesus, Your name gives sight
Jesus, Your name will free ev'ry captive
Jesus, Your name is life

Jesus, Your name is holy
Jesus, Your name brings light
Jesus, Your name above ev'ry other
Jesus, Your name is life

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MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory,
Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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THROUGH THE RED SEA

Through the Red Sea, brought at last, alleluia!
Egypt's chains behind we cast, alleluia!
Deep and wide flows the tide
Severing us from bondage past, alleluia!

Like the cloud that overhead, alleluia!
Through the billows Israel led, alleluia!
By His tomb Christ makes room,
Souls restoring from the dead alleluia!

In that cloud and in that sea, alleluia!
Buried and baptized were we, alleluia!
Earthly night brought us light,
Which is ours eternally, alleluia!

Ronald A. Knox