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A Holy Communion Service

September 4, 2022 11:00 A.M.



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

Lay Leader: Cleveland Robinson Worship Leader: Maggie Sofidiya Pianist: Kristi Helfen

Tune your radio to FM 100.1 to hear the service in your car.

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Lay Leader

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Have mercy on us O God, according to Thy steadfast love: According to Thy abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. *

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

From Isaiah 1 "Come now let us settle the matter, says the Lord, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land." Thanks be to God for His mercy to those who repent of their sins.

OFFERING OF PRAISE

As The Deer We Are One in the Spirit

MOMENT FOR OUTREACH

Keah Gruduah

PASTORAL PRAYER

APOSTLE'S CREED

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Samaritan Fund Ministry to non-members in distress in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY

Kristi Helfen

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus by Prichard/Tornquist

OFFERTORY RESPONSE Doxology

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

I Corinthians 12

Reader: Response:

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

SERMON

Rev. Sharon Gregory

"The Body of Christ"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of the Bread and Cup Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People

CLOSING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

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

Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church. (All music and words approved by CCLI License No. 58738) . * Prayers by Maggie Sofidiya

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*; 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 Christian Church**, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

* In the original Creed "He descended into Hell" is inserted here.

** In the original Creed "the Holy catholic Church" is inserted here.

Our Vision

To build committed disciples who love Jesus Christ and live their lives to fulfill God's purposes.

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Our Common Identity

Leader: Who Are We Crossroads? All: We're the People of God

Our Common Purpose

Leader: Why Do We Exist As A Church? All: To love God and worship Him. To love and care for one another and to share the joys and the struggles of growing as a community seeking to bring glory to His name.

Our Common Mission and Witness

- Leader: Why are we here?
 - All: We are here to joyfully worship and serve the Lord: to share the message of Jesus and the Gospel with all who will hear, through lives that demonstrate His love, mercy and justice in all of our relationships, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.
 - Leader: Crossroads, how can we be such a community?
 - All: By deciding to follow Jesus and to make a daily decision to live for God today. By earnestly studying His word and seeking to value what God values and to practice the principles found in His word.
 - Leader: Crossroads, for the Glory of God, let us live like this.
 - All: Amen

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

OPENING HYMN AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come, 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

John Newton

AS THE DEER

You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone, may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend And You are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold Or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joygiver And the apple of my eye.

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WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity will one day be restored

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we'll guard each human dignity and save human pride

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

CLOSING HYMN WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head, His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e're such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

Refrain