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CURRENT RULING ELDERS

<u><i>Class of 2023</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2024</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2025</i></u>
<i>Maggie Stewart</i>	<i>Ephram Curry</i>	<i>Michael Sofidiya</i>
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	<i>Nancy Scott</i>	
	<i>Susan Small</i>	
	<i>John Matthews</i>	

CURRENT BOARD OF DEACONS

<u><i>Class of 2023</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2024</i></u>	<u><i>Class of 2025</i></u>
<i>Mark Brown</i>	<i>Claudette Clark</i>	<i>Roz Fuse-Hall</i>
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Third Sunday

February 19, 2023
11:00 A.M.

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

Lay Leader: John Matthews *Worship Leader: Maggie Sofidiya*
Pianist: Kristi Helfen *Drums: Ben Wilkinson*
Percussion: Sam Jones

PRELUDE *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* by Sweney/Harlan

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP **Lay Leader**
Come, oh thankful people come, Praise the Lord for He is King!

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE
The Lord is My Light and My Salvation
Total Praise

+PRAYER OF LAMENT** *(Responsively)*
God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that was used to justify the theft of native lands and the enslavement of Your people. From this sin, we ask for deliverance.
Congregational Response: Forgive us for where we have failed to understand, Lord, and in Your mercy, set us free.

Touch hearts that have been shriveled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice.

Congregational Response

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know You without being committed to justice for all people.

Congregational Response

In Your mercy, help us mourn the divisions among the body of Your Son, and work for healing in the places we gather to worship You.

Congregational Response

As we name and unlearn the habits of racism, discrimination, and prejudice, give us grace to draw from the witness of the movements that have always resisted injustice in the power of Your Spirit.

Congregational Response

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge and inspire us today. Give us grace to follow them to freedom.

Congregational Response

(Take a moment for silent Reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Hymn No. 241*
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

+PASTORAL PRAYER RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Please remember the Deacons Fund of Crossroads Church Text and online giving available. See the projected slide for information.

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Kristi Helfen**
Jesus Paid It All by Grape/Walker

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology*

CHILDREN'S SONG *(all children to come up front)*
Hallelu, Hallelu

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.

Mark 8:34-37

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

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**
Series: Four Questions Jesus Asked, part 3
"What Would it Profit if...?"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT
CLOSING HYMN *Hymn No. 451*
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

BENEDICTION People: Amen

POSTLUDE *Blessed Be Your Name* by Redman/Dalton

+ No entry at this time. *Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.*
(Music/words approved by CCLI License No. 58738)

AAHH = African American Heritage Hymnal

****Liturgical Resources for Black History Month | The Church of England**

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION *AAHH-160*

The Lord is my light and my salvation.
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
The Lord is my light and my salvation,
whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life,
whom shall I fear?

In the time of trouble, He shall hide me.
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me.
In the time of trouble, He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Chorus

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage.
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
He shall strengthen thine heart.

Chorus

Rev. James Cleveland

TOTAL PRAISE

AAHH-113

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)
Amen, Amen (Amen)

Richard Smallwood

JESUS, THY BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed.
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who ought to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me, e'en for my soul was shed.

Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

Nikolaus L. von Zinzendorf

HALLELU, HALLELU

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,
Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah. 3x

Praise ye the Lord!

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.