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Crossroads
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday

April 23, 2023
11:00 A.M.

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

Lay Leader: Bill Small Worship Leader: Susan Small
Pianist: Paul Settles Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones

GATHERING SONG

Welcome into This Place

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 255

Would You Be Free from the Burden

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we do not take sin as seriously as we should. We are glad to have Your forgiveness, but sometimes we are too casual about following You. Help us to give our whole hearts to You, and teach us how to introduce others to You as well. Build in us a faith that will stand firm no matter our circumstances.*

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19a

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*We Believe
The Master's Call*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY

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.

Luke 24:46-53

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

"I'm Out!"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 164

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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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+No entry at this time. * Prayer by Susan Small

GATHERING SONG

WELCOME INTO THIS PLACE

Welcome into this place
Welcome into this broken vessel
You desire to abide
In the praises of Your people
So we lift our hands
And we lift our hearts
As we offer up this praise unto Your name

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OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 255

WOULD YOU BE FREE FROM THE BURDEN

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain

WE BELIEVE

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father!
We believe in Jesus Christ!
We believe in the Holy Spirit!
And He's given us new life!
We believe in the crucifixion!
We believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection!
And He's comin' back again!

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live loud our God we'll say
We believe, we believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe!

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life!

We believe in the crucifixion!
We believe that He conquered death!
We believe in the resurrection!
And He's comin' back

He's comin' back again!
He's comin' back again!
We believe!
We believe

Songwriters: Travis Ryan, Richie Fike, Matthew Hooper.

THE MASTER'S CALLING

Listen while you still can hear
Listen while you still can hear
The Master's call,
The Master's calling

Bow down while your knees still bend.
Bow down while your knees still bend.
The Master's call,
The Master's calling

I don't wanna run or walk away
Walk away from him
No, I don't wanna run or walk away
Walk away from him.

Bind me to your side
Bind me to your side

Ooo, Ooo, Ooo Ooo
Ooo, Ooo Ooo, Ooo
Ooo Ooo, Ooo, Ooo
Ooo Ooo, Ooo, Ooo

Seek him though your eyes don't see
Seek him though your eyes don't see
The Master's calling,
The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing
Praise him while your lips still sing
The Master's calling,
The Master's calling

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The Master's calling

Praise him while your lips still sing
Praise him while your lips still sing
The Master's call,
The Master's calling

I don't wanna run or walk away
Walk away from him,
I don't wanna run or walk away
Walk away from him

Bind me to your side
Bind me to your side

Listen while you still can hear
Listen while you still can hear

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**COME, YE FAITHFUL, RAISE THE
STRAIN**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His people forth
into joy from sadness;
Now rejoice Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

"Alleluia!" now we cry
to our King immortal,
who, triumphant, burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
"Alleluia!" with the Son,
God the Father praising,
"Alleluia!" yet again
to the Spirit raising.

John of Damascus