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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>
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Holy Communion Service

May 7, 2023

11:00 A.M.



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

Lay Leader: John Matthews Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay
Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson
Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP **Lay Leader**

Leader: We begin this day in gratitude. He gave His life for the life of the world, broken bread that feeds, poured out wine that binds and heals.

People: You give...we receive...and are thankful. *

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

OPENING SONG *Power of Your Love*

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Unison*)

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”, You taught us Lord to pray.
But You alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

People of God, please listen: God holds out His hand of mercy and blesses us by saying, “You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you.” Our sins are forgiven, He takes away our guilt. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven and free. *Amen.* (From Psalm 32)

OFFERING OF PRAISE

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

+PASTORAL PRAYER

+APOSTLE’S CREED

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS **Gary Lane**

Mission Discovery

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 *More Love to Thee* **Kristi Helfen**
by Doane / Tornquist

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *My Tribute*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Chancel Choir**
"All the Way to Calvary"
by Alfred H. Ackley

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.

John 15:1-8

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

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**
"An Invitation to Intimacy"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

COMMUNION SONG *We Remember You*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
Consecration of the Bread and Cup
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People

CLOSING HYMN **Hymn No. 26**
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
Beethoven / Lopez

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)
+No entry at this time. * Prayer by Beryl Lindsay

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

OPENING SONG

POWER OF YOUR LOVE

Lord, I come to You,
Let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace
That I've found in You;
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

Chorus:

Hold me close,
Let Your love surround me,
Bring me near,
Draw me to Your side;
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You, face to face,
The knowledge of Your love,
As You live in me;
And Lord, renew my mind,
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

Chorus:

Hold me close,

Let Your love surround me,
Bring me near,
Draw me to Your side;
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.

*(Words and Music by Geoff Bullock. C. 1992 Word Music (a div. of WORD, Inc.)
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THE BLOOD WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER

The blood that Jesus shed for me
Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

Chorus:

It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

It soothes my doubt and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its pow'r

Chorus

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

MY TRIBUTE (CHORUS ONLY)

To God be the glory,
To God be the glory,
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me,
With His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

COMMUNION SONG

WE REMEMBER

As we drink this cup, we worship You;
As we eat this bread, we honor You;
And we offer You our lives
As You have offered Yours for us.
We re- mem- ber all You've done for us,
We re- mem- ber Your covenant with us,
We re- mem- ber, and worship You, O Lord.

Kirk Dearman

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 26

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore Him,
Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant, bow before Him;
Gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry F. Lyte