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# Crossroads

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## *A Holy Communion Service*

*July 2, 2023*

*11:00 A.M.*



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

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

PRELUDE

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

AFFIRMATIONS **Lay Leader**

OPENING HYMN **Hymn No. 32**

*How Great Thou Art*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Lay Leader**

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in many ways  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and ask that you forgive us;  
Help us learn to delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Thank you for all you have done for us as stated in . . .

THE APOSTLES CREED (Unison) **Lay Leader**

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

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*Spirit Song  
He Touched Me*

PRAYERS **Elders**

**For the World & our Mission Partners  
For our Nation & our Mission Partners  
For Our Ministries Here at Crossroads  
For our Sick & Bereaved  
For Each One's Personal Faith**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS **Lay Leader**

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER **Lay Leader**

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**

*It Is Well with My Soul* - Phillip Bliss / arr. by Ron Loree

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

+SCRIPTURE READING

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

Matthew 17:14-18

**Reader:** *The Word of the Lord*

**Response:** *Thanks be to God*

SERMON **Rev. Sharon Gregory**

*"Freedom to make Crooked things Straight"*

SONG OF PREPARATION

*In Christ Alone*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*You are Invited to Come to the Table to Receive (Ushers will Guide)*

COMMUNION LITURGY **Rev. Gregory**

CLOSING HYMN **Hymn No. 60**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation / Solid Rock*

American melody, William Bradbury / arr. by Bonnie Barrett

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.*

## 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**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, holy and mighty,...

...sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,...

...the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

OPENING HYMN

*Hymn No. 32*

## **HOW GREAT THOU ART**

Oh, Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds, Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rollin' thunder  
Thy power throughout, The universe displayed

### **Refrain:**

Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour, God to Thee  
How great Thou Art  
How great Thou Art

When through the woods, and forest glades I  
wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down, from lofty mountain  
grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze

Refrain

And when I think, that God, His Son not  
sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

Refrain

When Christ shall come  
With shouts of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart?  
Then I shall bow In humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God  
How great Thou Art

Refrain

Carl Boberg

## **SPIRIT SONG**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh, let Him have the things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

### **Chorus:**

Jesus, oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus, oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Chorus

John Wimber

## **HE TOUCHED ME**

Shackled by a heavy burden  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me  
And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain:

He touched me, oh, He touched me  
And oh, the joy that floods my soul  
Something happened, and now I know  
He touched me, and made me whole

Since I've met this blessed Savior  
Since He's cleansed and made me whole  
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain

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## **IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn No. 60*

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

Come, Christians, join to sing

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

Before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice;

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend;

To us He'll condescend;

His love shall never end;

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again,

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore,

"Alleluia! Amen!"

Christian H. Bateman