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Third Sunday

September 17, 2023
11:00 A.M.

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

Lay Leader: John Matthews *Worship Leader: Maggie Sofidiya*
Pianist: Kristi Helfen & Patti Matthews *Drums: Ben Wilkinson*

PRELUDE - *Blessed Assurance* - Knapp/Chung **Kristi Helfen**

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Leader

The Lord is King. The Lord is almighty. The Lord is worthy of all praise and adoration. Let's all join together singing praises to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

OPENING SONG

Hymn No. 177

Rejoice The Lord Is King

+CONFESSION *(In unison)*

Thank You Father God, that You are never too busy to listen to our prayers. We come in the name of Your son Jesus Christ to confess our sins. We have not been diligent in seeking Your presence or Your wisdom. We are so easily distracted: we say we are too busy to spend uninterrupted time studying your Word and learning to listen to Your voice. Have mercy on us, we pray.

RESPONSE

Lay Leader

Thank you, dear God, for Your love and Your forgiveness. Your Word gives enlightenment to both our mind and our soul. It's Your Holy Spirit who teaches us and guides us as we read the Bible and wait quietly in Your presence. You take delight in our communing with You. We are blessed by Your presence, Thank You. *

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE

*Thank You Lord for Saving My Soul
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God
Majesty*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Deacons Fund of Crossroads Church in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Kristi Helfen

Tell Me the Story of Jesus
By Sweney / Harlan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 583

We Give Thee but Thine Own

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Video

Seek Him with All Your Heart
By Rosemary Farmer

+SCRIPTURE READING

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

2 Timothy 1:8-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

The "Tude: series, part 2
"The Importance of Certitude"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 295

I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE

Patti Matthews

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

Hymns for the Living Church. (All music/words approved by CCLI License No. 58738)

+ No entry at this time. * *Prayers by Maggie Sofidiya*

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING NO. 177

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Charles Wesley

THANK YOU LORD FOR SAVING MY SOUL

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.
Thank you, Jesus.

Seth and Bessie Sykes

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Karen Lafferty

MAJESTY

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory,
Honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

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WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be,
For all we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

I KNOW NOT WHY GOD'S WONDROUS GRACE No. 295

I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain:

But "I know Whom I have believed
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His word
Wrought peace within my heart.

Refrain

I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

Refrain

I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noon-day fair,
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,
Or "meet Him in the air."

Refrain