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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Holy Communion Service

October 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.



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

Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong Worship Leader: Beryl Lindsay
Pianist: Kristi Helfen
Drums: Ben Wilkinson Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

OUR AFFIRMATIONS **Lay Leader**

+CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG
Come Now is the Time to Worship

OPENING HYMN
How Great Is Our God/How Great Thou Art (Medley)

+LITANY OF CONFESSION (Insert)

+APOSTLE'S CREED **Lay Leader**

OFFERING OF PRAISE
In Christ Alone

+PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *I Love to Tell the Story* **Kristi Helfen**
Livingston / Fischer

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *My Tribute*

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Revelation 19
By Jeffrey LaValley

+SCRIPTURE READING

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

Galatians 1:6-9; Colossians 2:8-10

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

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**

The "Tude" series, part 5
"Liberated From Platitudes"

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

COMMUNION HYMN **Hymn No. 213**
Let Us Break Bread Together

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

CLOSING HYMN **Hymn No. 430**
From Every Stormy Wind That Blows

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE *Foundation*
American melody / Bradbury / Barrett

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.

LITANY

Leader: God who created each of us in love, equally in your image and with a desire that we live together in love and unity. God who watched as we failed your original plan and continuously abandon your dream for us. God who sent your son Jesus as an example and teacher that we might be reunited with you and know how to live according to your will and in unity with each other.

People: God of Love, forgiveness, restoration, as we go, guide our steps to draw others to you.

Leader: With caring eyes, you see how we often fail to properly care for the earth. With caring eyes, you see how we glorify being busy overspending time with you and with our families. With caring eyes, you see how we neglect our health and the health of others. With caring eyes, you see how even during a pandemic with daily deaths we think of ourselves more than we do others.

People: God of Care, as we go, guide our minds to think of others more than we do ourselves.

Leader: With a broken heart, you have seen through the ages how we have exchanged your call to draw others to you by our love with a directive to go into other nations and tell them our personal desires for their lives. With a broken heart, you have watched how, without any consultation whatsoever with any of these nations, we attack the ways of being of countries not like ours, communities not like ours, people that look different than we do and people who choose to love different than we do claiming that you directed us to do so.

People: God of the Oppressed, as we go, show us that the lives of others matter because they matter to you. God of the Oppressed, show us how to love.

All: **We desire the complete joy in which you created us in the beginning. You have chosen to give our church marks by which to re imagine ourselves in the days ahead. You have given us a toolkit with which to remember and celebrate, to listen, discover and discern, to choose paths to live as grace-full and joy-full followers of Jesus, our Lord and our Savior. Amen**

Adapted from:

www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/publiceducation/pdfs/litany

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

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
(Come)

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God
One day ev'ry knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
(Come)

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD/HOW GREAT THOU ART *(Medley)*

The splendor of a King
Clothed in Majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice.

Refrain:

How great is our God
Sing with me, how great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Age to age, He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead, three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb
Lion and the Lamb

Refrain

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
(Repeat)

Refrain

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
(Repeat)

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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MY TRIBUTE

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 pow'r He has raised me.
To God be the glory
For the things He has done.

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink the cup together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us drink the cup together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 430

FROM EVERY STORMY WIND THAT BLOWS

From every stormy wind that blows,
From every swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat;
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds
The oil of gladness on our heads;
A place of all on earth most sweet;
It is the blood bought mercy seat.

There is a scene where spirits blend,
Where friend holds fellowship with friend;
Though sundered far, by faith they meet
Around one common mercy seat.

Ah! Whiter could we flee for aid
When tempted, desolate, dismayed
Or how the hosts of hell defeat
Had suffering saints no mercy seat.

Ah! there, on eagles' wings we soar,
And sin and sorrow molest no more;
And heav'n comes down, our souls to greet,
While glory crowns the mercy seat.

Hugh Stowell