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# Crossroads PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Third Sunday

October 15, 2023 11:00 A.M.

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

Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong Worship Leader: Cyril Jermin Pianist: Kristi Helfen Drums: Ben Wilkinson Percussion: Sam Jones

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100:1, 3-4 Lay Leader

- Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Come, let us enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
- **People:** We give thanks to the Lord and bless His name!
- Leader: For the Lord our God is good.
- **People:** His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations!

#### OPENING HYMN Hymn No. 417 Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

#### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Dear Lord, ofttimes we have failed to walk worthy of the calling we have received, we have lacked humility and gentleness, spoken, and acted without patience, not accepting one another in love. We have not diligently kept the unity of the Spirit with the peace that binds us. We have let our cares and concerns blind us to the leading of Your Spirit. (*based on Ephesians* 4:1-3)

#### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

But He gives greater grace. Therefore, He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit to God but resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. (based on James 4:6-10)

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE Break Through All I have is Christ

PASTORAL PRAYER

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** 

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

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

I Love You, Lord - Klein / Kaiser

#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

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

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

#### **Chancel Choir**

*Holy Like You* By Cymbala & Wells Soloist: Paula Simmons

#### +SCRIPTURE READING

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

Romans 14:1-23

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

#### SERMON

#### **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**

The "Tude" series, Part 5 "Giving Others Latitude"

#### MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN Hymn No. 430 From Every Stormy Wind That Blows BENEDICTION People: Amen POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God - Cruger / Kaiser

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 CCL1 License No. 58738) + No entry at this time.

# LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Hymn No. 417

What a fellowship, what a joy divine Leaning on the everlasting arms What a blessedness, what a peace is mine Leaning on the everlasting arms

## **Chorus:**

Leaning, leaning Safe and secure from all alarms Leaning, leaning Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way Leaning on the everlasting arms Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day Leaning on the everlasting arms

## Chorus

What have I to dread, what have I to fear Leaning on the everlasting arms? I have Blessed Peace, with my Lord so near Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

# **BREAK THROUGH**

Break through, break through all my doubts. Break through, break through all my fears. Break through That I may worship You. Break through, break through all my pain. Break through, all my guilt and my shame. Break through Like only You can do.

## Chorus:

You are brighter than my darkest night, Stronger than my toughest fight. Just one touch from You, my King, my Friend, And I'll never be the same again.

Elisha Hoffman

# ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life,

had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.

And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost, You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross. And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place. You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is Grace.

## Chorus:

Hallelu-Jah, All I have is Christ! Hallelu-Jah! Jesus is my life! Hallelu-Jah, All I have is Christ! Hallelu-Jah! Jesus is my life!

Now Lord I would be Yours alone, and live so all might see. The strength to follow Your commands, could never come from me. O Father use my ransomed life, in any way You choose. And let my song forever be, my only boast is You! Chorus Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin © 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI). Sovereign Grace Music, a division of Sovereign Grace Ministries.

# 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 than all beside more 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! whither 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 eagle wings we soar, And sin and sense molest no more; And heav'n comes down, our souls to greet, While glory crowns the mercy seat.

Hugh Stowell