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**Crossroads**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



***Fourth Sunday***

***October 22, 2023***  
***11:00 A.M.***

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

***Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong***   ***Worship Leader: Susan Small***  
***Pianist: Paul Settles***   ***Drums: Ben Wilkinson***  
***Percussion: Sam Jones***

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+INTERACTIVE CALL TO WORSHIP **Lay Leader**

OPENING HYMN **Hymn No. 21**  
*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious Father, You brought us into Your family and made us co-heirs with Your son, and yet sometimes we behave as rebellious children. Please bring to mind any time this week when we wanted our way and not Yours.

*[Reflection]* Forgive us, Father, for ignoring Your will.

Lord Jesus, You emptied Yourself and took the form of a servant. We are supposed to imitate You, but too often we serve resentfully or reluctantly, or we refuse to serve at all. Please remind us of any time this week when we failed to serve joyfully. *[Reflection]* Forgive us, Jesus, for being unwilling to serve.

Holy Spirit, You came to teach us and to empower us to live holy lives. Speak to us now; point out any areas in our lives that are not yet under Your control. *[Reflection]* Forgive us, Holy Spirit, for tuning You out or for thinking that we can do anything in our own power.

**People: Lord, we confess that we have disobeyed You, failed to serve You and refused to submit to You. In Your mercy, please forgive us.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; His mercy and lovingkindness are everlasting, His faithfulness endures to all generations.

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*Every Praise  
All I Have is Christ*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS **Margaret Garner**  
Worldwide Discipleship Association (WDA)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND COMMITMENT

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*Text and online giving available. See the website for information.*

OFFERTORY ***I Just Want to Praise You***

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***Doxology***

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Chancel Choir**  
***"I Am His Child"***  
By Moses Hogan

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.*

**Psalm 100:1-4**

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

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

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**  
**"The Whats and Why of Worship", part 1**

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN ***Hymn No. 417***  
***From Every Stormy Wind That Blows***

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE

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 Denise Wood*

OPENING HYMN

*Hymn No. 21*

**O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS  
ABOVE**

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing His power and His love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might! O sing of His grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies, how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

William Kethe

**ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST**

**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!

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**

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**

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## **EVERY PRAISE**

Every praise is to our God  
Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise every praise is to our God  
Sing hallelujah to our God  
Glory hallelujah is to our God  
Every praise every praise is to our God

(Bridge)  
God my Savior  
God my Healer  
God my Deliverer  
Yes He is, yes He is  
(Yes He is, yes He is)

(Ending)  
Every praise is to our God  
Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise every praise  
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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