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# Crossroads

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## *A Holy Communion Service*

*November 5, 2023*

*11:00 A.M.*



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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 136:1-4, 23*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: to Him who alone does great wonders,

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: to the One who remembered us in our low estate.

**People: His love endures forever.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Hymn No. 571*

*Thanks to God for My Redeemer*

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we often take You and Your lovingkindness for granted. We underestimate how much we fall short of living in a way that honors You and overestimate our ability to fix ourselves, even if we try hard. Only You can set us free from our brokenness and its consequences and only by the blood of Your Son, Jesus, the perfect sacrifice. We submit ourselves to You so that You can transform us day-by-day, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. \* *Silent Confession*

### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Lay Leader**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death.

*Romans 8:1-2*

### OFFERING OF PRAISE

*A New Song*

*The Power of the Cross*

### +PASTORAL PRAYER

### +PRAYER OVER SHOEBOXES

### +APOSTLE'S CREED AND AFFIRMATIONS

## 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 *Like a River Glorious* **Kristi Helfen**  
Mountain / Kelsey

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *My Tribute (chorus)*

### 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.*

Romans 12:1

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**Response: Thanks be to God**

### SERMON

**Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**

*"Presenting Our Bodies"*

### MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

### CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn No. 289*

*Down at the Cross Where My Savior Died*

### BENEDICTION

People: Amen

### POSTLUDE *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus with All Hail, King Jesus -*

*Prichard / Moody / Tornquist*

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

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+No entry at this time. \* *Prayers by Susan Small*

## 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.*

**THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER**

Thanks to God for my redeemer,  
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!  
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,  
Thanks for Jesus by my side!  
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,  
Thanks for dark and dreary fall!  
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,  
Thanks for peace within my soul!

Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,  
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!  
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,  
Thanks for comfort in despair!  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!  
Thanks for homes and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heavenly peace with thee!  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks thro' all eternity!

August L. Storm

**A NEW SONG**

He brought me out of the miry clay  
Planted my feet.  
He directs my way  
Given my heart reason to rejoice,  
And unto Him will I lift my voice.

You did not ask me for sacrifice.  
Your precious blood, it has paid the price.  
I am delivered from sin and death.  
We worship You, Lord,  
with every breath.

You have put in my mouth a new song,  
A song of praise  
For all you've done.  
You have put in my mouth a new song.  
My life will shout it all day long.

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## **THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

### Verse 1

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

### **Chorus**

This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross

### Verse 2

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

### Chorus

### Verse 3

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry

### Chorus

### Verse 4

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

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### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

## **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.

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**DOWN AT THE CROSS WHERE MY  
SAVIOR DIED**

Down at the cross where my Savior died,  
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His name!

Refrain:

Glory to His name,  
Glory to His name;  
There to my heart was the blood applied;  
Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,  
Jesus so sweetly abides within,  
There at the cross where He took me in;  
Glory to His name! (Refrain)

O precious fountain that saves from sin,  
I am so glad I have entered in;  
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;  
Glory to His name! (Refrain)

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet;  
Cast your poor soul at the Savior's feet;  
Plunge in today and be made complete;  
Glory to His name! (Refrain)