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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



A Holy Communion Service

January 7, 2024

11:00 A.M.



Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

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

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100) **Lay Leader**

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

People: We will Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with singing.

Leader: Know ye that the Lord is God: *it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.*

All: For the Lord *is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth* to all generations. **Amen**

OPENING HYMN **Hymn No. 417**

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, our sin is too heavy to carry, too visible for us to hide, and too deep to undo. Like Adam and Eve, we are naked before You, and ashamed. Forgive what our lips are ashamed to name what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become a barrier between us and You. Have mercy on us, oh God, set us free from a past that we cannot change; and grant us grace to grow more and more into Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Light and our Life we pray. **Amen.** *

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Chronicles 7:14 **Lay Leader**

God has promised His people, who are called by His name, that if we will humble ourselves, pray and seek His face turning from our wicked ways, that He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and will heal the land.

OFFERING OF PRAISE

*Holy, Holy, Holy (Praise Him and Lift Him Up)
Overwhelmed*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

+APOSTLE'S CREED

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Pastor Corey Lee

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

Kristi Helfen

Great is Thy Faithfulness by Runyan / Larsen

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 & 5 ONLY are dismissed)

POETRY READING "*Thy Servant*" **Dr. Dede Toney**

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

+SCRIPTURE READING

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

1 Corinthians 9:16

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Response: *Thanks be to God*

SERMON

Pastor Richard Allen Farmer

"What I'll Be Doing Tomorrow"

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. 58

This is My Father's World

ELDERS' PRAYER/Laying on Of Hands

BENEDICTION

People: Amen

POSTLUDE *Like a River Glorious* by Mountain / Kelsey

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. * Prayer by Cyril Jermin

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Hymn #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.

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.

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

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.

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

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (PRAISE HIM AND LIFT HIM UP)

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy is the Lord
God Almighty
He's worthy to receive glory
He's worthy to receive honor
Worthy to receive all our praise
All our praise today, come on singing

Praise Him
Praise Him and lift him up
Praise Him
Exalt his name forever

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God Almighty

Worthy to receive glory
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All our praise today

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Praise Him and lift Him up
Praise Him
Exalt His name forever
Praise Him (3x)

Gary W. Oliver

OVERWHELMED

When I come into your presence, with the angels
all around.
I join in with the Elders, and I cast my glory down.
In the beauty of your splendor, bowing low before
your face.
Then I lift my hands to honor you, thankful for your
grace.

I'm overwhelmed, I stand in awe,
That you would love, someone like me.
That you are God, and I'm your child,
And still you love me, in spite of me!

From the quickening of the spirit in a humble
virgin's womb, to the cross, the pain, the suffering,
then laid into a tomb.
To be raised to life triumphant, for all the world to
see.
In obedience you gave your life, and paid sin's
price for me!

I'm overwhelmed, I stand in awe,
That you would love, someone like me.
That you are God, and I'm your child,
And still you love me, in spite of me!

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CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 58

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass, I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Maltbie D. Babcock