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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. Crossroads can feel like complicated places, whether this be physical crossroads or crossroads of life or ministry. Paul, however, found out in Athens that complicated messages are not always the solution. So, when he came to Corinth, he was determined to know, trust, preach, and teach one simple message - the message of Christ crucified - a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, but Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle. They will be collected after the offering.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Sonny De La Garza
Elders: Lucas Robinson & Ryan Polster	Acolytes: Jonathan Hurst & Eli Marlar	
Offering Counter: Quin Hanson	Greeters: Gayla Squyres & Angie Tawater	Trustee: Jimmie Horton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SONG — "Waymaker"

**You are here moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You
You are here working in this place; I worship You, I worship You**

**Chorus: You are, Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness, My God that is who you are Repeat**

**You are here touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You**

**You are here turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You Lord
Chorus x 2**

**Tag: That is who You are, that is who You are,
That is who You are, that is who You are**

**Bridge: Even when I don't see it You're working,
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working,
You never stop You never stop working
Repeat and Chorus x 2 and Tag**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

“At the Cross”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found; Comes like flood, comes flowing down.

Chorus 1: At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life; I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, asking God to grant us forgiveness and peace.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: Lord Jesus,

C: as we confess with our lips that You are the way, the truth, and the life, we have a hard time embracing this reality in our hearts. We struggle to accept the way that You make for us through Your suffering and death on the cross. We struggle to accept the way You choose to come to us through Your Word, and in simple water, bread, and wine. We struggle to accept the way of our own cross and suffering and have a hard time believing that You are still with us when life gets tough. Forgive us; strengthen, renew, and lead us by Your Spirit as people who have been redeemed through the resurrection. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“At the Cross”

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found; Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus 2: At the cross at the cross, I surrender my life; I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white; I owe all to You, I owe all to You

Bridge: Here my hope is found, here on holy ground; Here I bow down, here I bow down
Here arms open wide, here You saved my life; Here I bow down, here I bow
Chorus 2 and Ending

Ending: I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Acts 6:1-7

¹ Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading — John 14:1-14

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH — 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 Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN — "You Are the Way; Through You Alone" # 526

You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.

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**You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can in form the mind
And purify the heart.**

**You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.**

**You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.**

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MESSAGE – *At the Crossroads: One Simple Message!* – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? _____

OUR OFFERINGS — (Give online at www.stjohnhamilton.org or text amount to 833-706-7586.)

HYMN — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” # 524

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer’s ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart’s unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place;
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.**

**O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” # 660

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord in deed.**

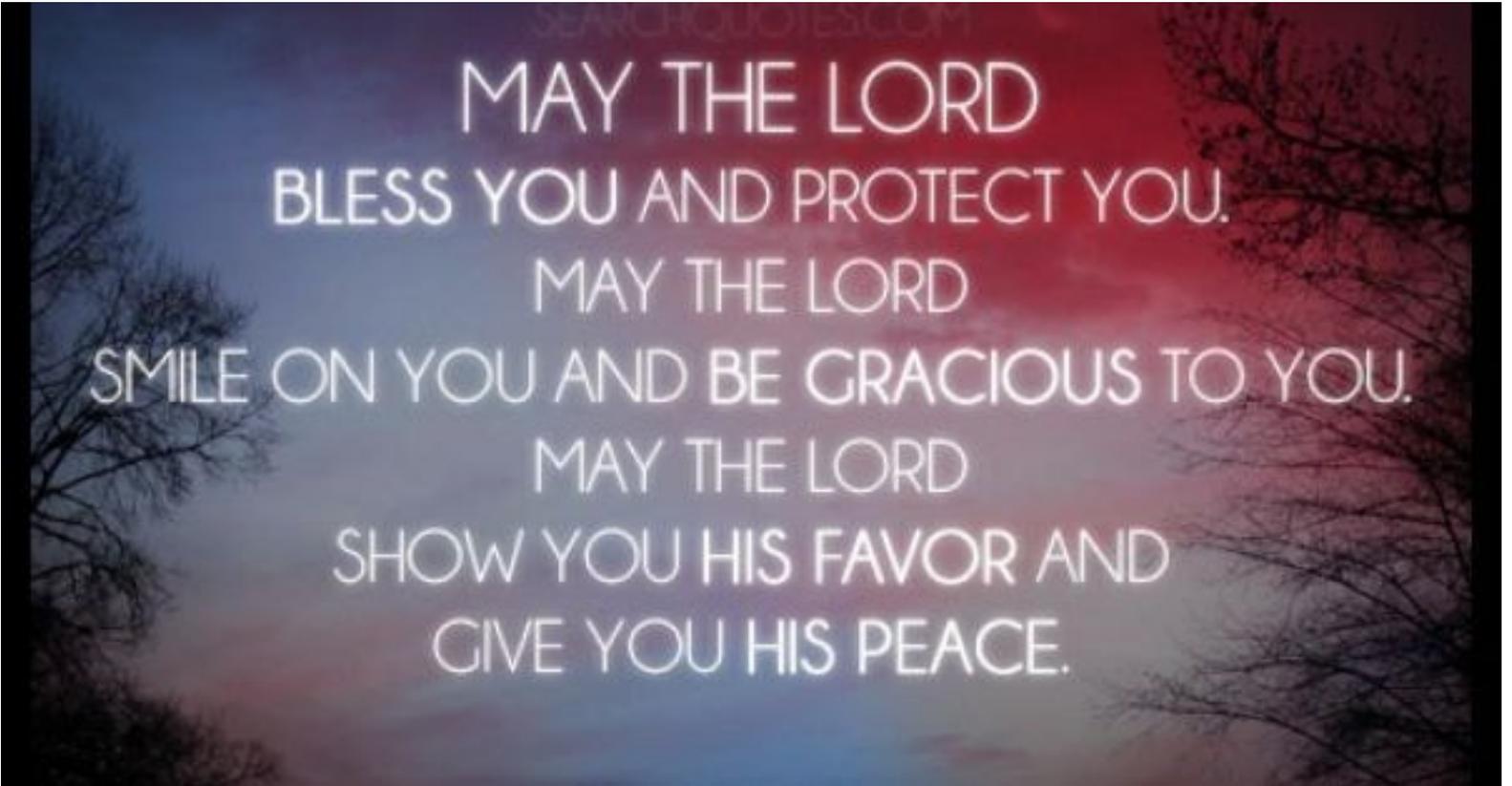
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**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.**

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