

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 34:1-3*
I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.

* God's Greeting

* **Come, Christians, Join to Sing** #342:1,2 (HFG)
Come, Christians, join to sing; Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

* **All Glory Be to God on High** #247:1,2 (PH)
All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth from heaven,
And God's goodwill unfailingly be to his people given.
Almighty God, you are our King:
We worship you, our thanks we bring,
We praise you for your glory.

O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ,
Whom God the Father gave us,
Who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us,
At God's right hand you intercede
For those who for your mercy plead;
Receive the prayer we offer.

* **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**
How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

* indicates to stand if able

Behold the Man upon the cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything;
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Lenten Reading

Call to Confession: *Luke 12:15*

Prayer of Confession:

**Heavenly Father, we are guilty of all kinds of greed.
We try to find comfort apart from you,
and instead of turning to you,
we turn to them for comfort, fulfillment, purpose.
Forgive us for this and all our sins.
In Jesus name, Amen.**

Response: *Luke 15:32, 34*

*"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been
pleased to give you the kingdom.
For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."*

The Wonderful Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? *Refrain*

Refrain: Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die, and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless your name.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Building the Future

Morning Prayer

* **God of Grace**

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder,
As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom;
Awesome cost to make me whole

God of grace, who loved and knew me
Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven;
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.

* **Scripture:** *II Peter 1:5-8 (ESV)* pg. 1275

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement
your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,
⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control
with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,
⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly
affection with love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and
are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective
or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Make Every Effort*

Prayer

*** Christian Hearts in Love United**

Christian hearts in love united:
Search to know God's holy will.
Let his love, in us ignited,
More and more our spirits fill.
Christ the head, and we his members,
We reflect the light he is.
Christ the master, we disciples,
He is ours and we are his.

Come, then, living church of Jesus,
Covenant with him anew.
Unto to him who conquered for us
May we pledge our service true.
May our lives reflect the brightness
Of God's love in Jesus shown.
To the world we then bear witness:
We belong to God alone.

*** God's Blessing**

*** Go, My Children, With My Blessing**

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you,
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.
Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

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Prayer: Kevin B, Galen L

Readers: Larry & Joanne K

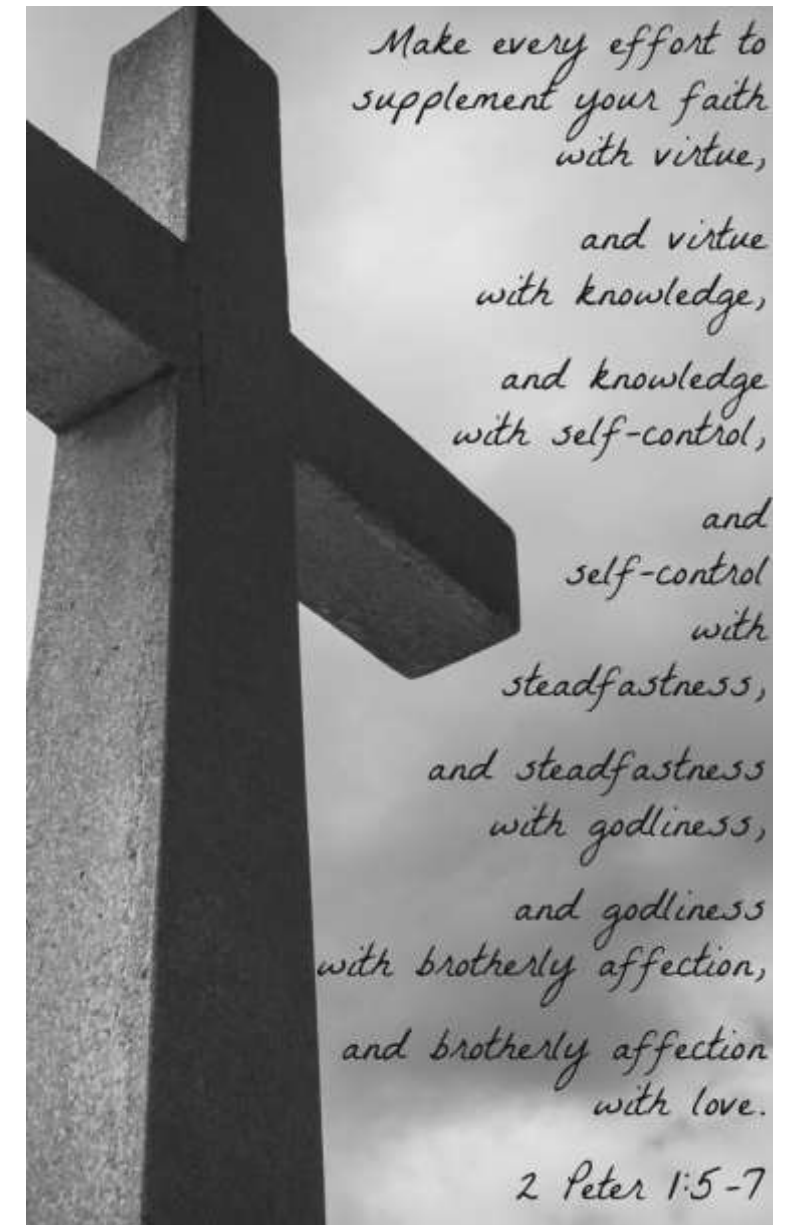
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Offering: First CRC Building the Future Fund is in place to fund
future building projects of our church. For more information,
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