

\* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 95:1,2,6,7*  
*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;*  
*let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*  
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**  
*Oh come, let us worship and bow down;*  
*let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*  
**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture,**  
**and the sheep of his hand.**

### \* **God's Greeting**

\* **Now With Joyful Exultation** #95:1,3 (PH)  
Now with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;  
To the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas let us raise.  
Thankful tribute gladly bringing,  
Let us come before him now,  
And, with psalms his praises singing,  
Joyful in his presence bow.  
  
To the Lord, such might revealing,  
Let us come with reverence meet,  
And, before our Maker kneeling, let us worship at his feet.  
He is our own God who leads us, we the people of his care;  
With a shepherd's hand he feeds us  
As his flock in pastures fair.

### \* **Come, People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all, and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands;  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing;  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all!"

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

### \* **He is Lord**

He is Lord, he is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Be Unto Your Name**

We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the Ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Refrain:* Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

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

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Nearer, My God to Thee*

**Offering:** First CRC SERVE

#### **Morning Prayer**

\* **Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak** #528:1,3 (PH)

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
In living echoes of your tone.  
As you have sought, so let me seek  
Your erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

\* **Scripture:** *Acts 1:6-11 (ESV)* pg. 1139

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him,  
"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"  
<sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or  
seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.  
<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come  
upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and  
in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."  
<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking  
on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  
<sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went,  
behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said,  
"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?  
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will  
come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

**Message:** *You Will Be My Witnesses*

#### **Prayer**

\* **See, The Conqueror Mounts in Triumph** #414:1,3 (PH)  
(tune of *God, the Father of Your People*)

See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph;  
See the King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, his chariot,  
To his heavenly palace gate.  
Hark! the choirs of angel voices  
Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the gates on high are opened  
To receive their heavenly King.

You have raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heavenly places,  
There with you in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne!  
Mighty Lord, in your ascension  
We by faith can see our own.

**\* God's Blessing**

**\* By the Sea of Crystal**

#620:3 (PH)

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."  
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

***You Will Be My Witnesses***

*Acts 1:6-11*

Acts 1:6, an ignorance revealing question.

Acts 1:7-8, a perspective changing answer.

Acts 1:9-11, a visible ascension with an angelic promise.

Implications and Applications

# *The Acts of the Holy Spirit*



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.

\* indicates to stand if able

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Offering: SERVE is a faith-forming experience where the communities, congregations and students involved all experience lasting transformation. First CRC will be hosting a SERVE mission trip in June 2018. For more information, contact Dan Houston, the First CRC host coordinator.

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