

* **Call to Worship:** *from Psalm 9, 118, 13, and 69*

I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will be glad and rejoice in You.

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

You are my God,

And I will praise You.

I have trusted in Your mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

* **God's Greeting**

* ***Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises***

Let there be glory and honor and praises;

Glory and honor to Jesus.

Glory and honor, glory and honor to Him.

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Glory and honor, glory and honor to Him.

* ***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks***

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;

He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

* ***Before the Throne of God Above***

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I have a strong, and perfect plea:

A great High Priest, whose name is Love,

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,

My name is written on his heart;

I know that while in heaven he stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

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* join us in standing if able

When Satan tempts me to despair,

And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look, and see him there

Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,

My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me,

To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb

My perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I am,

The King of glory and of grace!

One with himself, I cannot die

My soul is purchased by his blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high,

With Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Call to Confession: *The Shema – Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart

and with all your soul and with all your mind.

And these words that I command you today

shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children,

and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,

and when you walk by the way,

and when you lie down, and when you rise.

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,

and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house

and on your gates.

Prayer of Confession

Our Church

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to

Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Here we are now, a crowd assembled,

Peace like incense fills the air.

Men and women, the sounds of children,

Young and old have come to share.

In the beauty of this place,

We have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

Refrain: This is our church, our family of faith,
On this Holy ground we're all the same.
And we are the joy of God on display
Whenever we meet in Jesus' Name.
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Walls are falling, hearts disarming

As his presence ushers in.

Waves of mercy fill the building

As His Spirit stirs within.

In the beauty of this place,

We have gathered by His grace. *Refrain*

From the suburbs to the streets

We have gathered to receive.

Some with plenty, some with need,

Cause we are a family, His family. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: SERVE 2019

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Red Letters*

Morning Prayer

* ***Speak, O Lord***

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,

To receive the food of Your holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today,

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,

That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,

And the earth is filled with Your glory.

* **Scripture:** *Ephesians 1:1-7 (NIV)* pg. 1224

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Chosen*

Who You Say I Am

* **God's Blessing**

* **Our God Reigns** #195 (PH)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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.

Pastor: Von G Prayer: Ryan B, Larry K

Music: Paul & Sharon A, Brian K, Jack P,
Ken & Lisa Q, Bill V

Offering: SERVE is a faith-forming experience where communities, congregations and students involved experience lasting transformation. First CRC will be hosting a SERVE site in June 2019. For more information, contact Dan H, the First CRC host coordinator.

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Ephesians 1:1-7

• I AM forgiven
OF all my SINS
• & WASHED
in the blood

EPHESIANS 1:7

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