

* **Call to Worship:** *Matthew 6:25, 33*
“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your
body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food,
and the body more than clothing?
But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.
**Lord, grant us faith as small as a mustard seed,
and a willing spirit to sustain it.**

* **God's Greeting**

* ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*** #339:1,2,3 (HFG)
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress.
Praise Him, still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
Blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the high Eternal One.

* ***And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*** #260:1,3 (HFG)
And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior’s blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night.
Thine eye diffuse a quickening ray;
I woke – the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

* ***Just As I Am*** #417:1,3,4 (HFG)
Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Call to Confession: *Romans 3:10-12, 18*

Prayer of Confession

Words Assurance: *Romans 4:5-8*

* ***Reformation Hymn***
We will trust God’s Word alone,
Where his perfect will is known;
Our traditions shift like sand
While his Truth forever stands.
We will live by faith alone,
Clothed in merit not our own;
All we claim is Jesus Christ
And his finished sacrifice.

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church He redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

We are saved by grace alone,
Undeserved, yet freely shown;
No accomplishment on earth
Can achieve the second birth.
We will stand on Christ alone,
The unyielding Cornerstone;
Nations rage and devils roar,
Still he reigns forevermore!

Refrain: Glory be, glory be to God alone,
Through the church He redeemed and made his own.
He has freed us,
He will keep us till we’re safely home
Glory be, glory be to God alone!

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering: TRIBE – First CRC High School Youth Group

Morning Prayer

* **Scripture:** *Romans 3:21-28 (ESV)* pg. 1180
*²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested
apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets
bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through
faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no
distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory
of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put
forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by
faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because
in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so
that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has
faith in Jesus.
²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By
what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law
of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart
from works of the law.*

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

Message: *Works or Faith? Faith Alone*

* indicates to stand if able

* **Rock of Ages** #108:1,2 (HFG)
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow?
Could my zeal no languor know?
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to thy cross I cling.

What must I do to be saved?

The double cure.

* **God's Blessing**

* **Faith of Our Fathers** #526:2,3 (HFG)
Faith of our fathers, God's great power,
Shall win all nations unto thee,
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then indeed be free.

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach thee too as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life. *Refrain*

Faith alone is never a lonely faith.

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Please switch hearing aids to "T" to use this system.

Pastor: Robert Woodyard
Prayer: Rob, Galen
Music: Cheryl, Nancy
Offering: TRIBE – First CRC High School Youth Group is led by Dan Houston and assisted by several others. For more information on the High School Youth Group contact Dan.

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Romans 3:21-28

Sola Gratia
Saved by Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Through Faith Alone

Solus Christus
In Christ Alone

Sola Scriptura
According to Scripture Alone

Soli Deo Gloria
For the Glory of God Alone

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