Prelude

Call to Worship  ............................................................ Todd Erickson  
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The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath – we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
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Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the vict’ry cry.  
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Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.  
This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

When I Survey the Wondrous 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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Invocation (please raise hands)
Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Offertory Anthem: In Christ Alone/Cornerstone/The Solid Rock

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior’s love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev’ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

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On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.
No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
’Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

Jauna Ellis, Calvin Ellis, Mary Grace Walters

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of Commitment
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Greetings and Announcements

A Word on CityServe

CityServe Next Steps

CityServe weekend is special time in the life of our church each year in which we give specific attention to learning more about the needs in our city and how we might address them with the Gospel of Christ. Our hope and prayer is that God will work in the hearts and minds of all of us, moving us to prayerfully consider a “next step” in our personal ministry engagement in our city.

The following are suggested further action steps:

• Pray regularly for our city and our ministry partners.
• Make yourself available to the Lord for ministry engagement in our city.
• Discuss ministry opportunities with the leadership in your Congregational Community.
• Build a cross-cultural relationship and seek to learn from that person.
• Champion the efforts of our ministry partners.
• Promote ministry opportunities in your Congregational Community.

Benediction

Postlude

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