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**Christ First @ First Christian
Welcome**

Opening prayer / scripture- John Johnstone

Great Is The Lord. (not in hymnal). sing twice

Prayer – John Johnstone

Come Thou Almighty God, hymn #195 – not on screen, verses 1,4

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, hymn #28 – all verses

NOTE: the origin of this song is explained on the following page.

sacrament of communion – John Johnstone

Offering thought and prayer –John Johnstone

MESSAGE:

“REJOICE! - He is ALIVE!”

Let It Be Said Of Us, on screen only

Closing prayer – John Johnstone

Food for Thought:

The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses On the shoes, but by making good shoes, God is interested in good craftsmanship.

Song origin for “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas Chisholm wrote this song in 1925 as a testament to God’s faithfulness through his very ordinary life. Born in a log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky, he became a Christian when he was 27 and entered the ministry when he was 36. Poor health forced him to retire after just 1 year. During the rest of his life, Chisholm spent many years living in New Jersey and working as a life insurance agent. Still, even with a desk job, he wrote nearly 1,200 poems throughout his life, including several published hymns. Chisholm explained toward the end of his life, “my income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness. Just think, with each new day, God gives us the chance to prove His faithfulness. And throughout history, He’s never once been proven wrong, for His mercies are new every morning, no matter what. What a true comfort this is to all of us.”