

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude:** *Jesus Is All the World To Me/ O How I Love Jesus*

arr. by Lari Gross

**Chiming of the Hour**  
**Welcome and Church Family News**  
**The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

### PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral Call to Worship: #243 Be Not Afraid**

BE NOT AFRAID

**Call to Worship**

**Clarence Kenyon**

God is the Gardener, and God is planting something new;

**In this time of worship, may we grow in Christ.**

God is pruning us back so we may bear fruit;

**In this time of worship, may we repent, and know God's forgiveness.**

God is nurturing us with water and Spirit, that we may blossom;

**In this time of worship, may we praise our Creator and Sustainer!**

Come, let us join together in worship;

**Let us praise God, who is growing something new in us.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

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**Call to Confession:**

There are many things that can cut us off from the One True Vine. Our sins are like so much dead wood. When we confess the dead places in our lives, God offers us the forgiveness we need to prune them away and allow us to thrive once more. We come now to confess the parts of our lives that do not bear fruit.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Gracious God, we confess that we each have places in our lives that could use some pruning. Our words do not always give grace to those who hear, our actions do not always witness to our baptism in your name. We have ignored those who need our help the most and focused on hoarding more for ourselves. Our selfish desires only serve to wither us and turn us into dying branches. Forgive us, and prune away our dead places so that we may bear fruit generously in your name** (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

We are grafted into the Living Vine. The Vine grower has tended to us and removed our sinful and withered ways. We are given another chance to live and bear fruit. For these gifts of love and life, let us stand and sing our praises!

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 468 In My Life**

LORD BE GLORIFIED

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson: Psalm 1**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Choir Anthem: Love One Another**

words by Roger Thorhill  
music by Brad Nix

**Second Lesson: John 15:1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

**Sermon: "Branching Out"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (page 35, Glory to God)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 735 I Need Thee Every Hour**

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**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory As the Deer**

based on a tune by Martin Nystrom  
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

**\*Doxology # 609 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn # 463 How Firm A Foundation**

FOUNDATION

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude I Am Resolved**

based on RESOLUTION  
by James H. Filmore  
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.



Serving us today –Preacher: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Music Director: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Clarence Kenyon;

## Announcements

We are still collecting Hygiene Products through this coming week as our monthly donation for food for people and pets. These products will go to Volunteer Avery to give to those in need who are not permitted to use food stamps to buy these necessities. The list of needs includes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, body lotion, hand sanitizer, bar soap, plastic container for soap. If you would like to give a check or cash toward this project, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for hygiene products.

**The Session will meet this morning following worship and coffee fellowship.**

**The Knitting Group meets every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.** They are knitting hats and scarves for the homeless shelter in Boone and school children in Avery County. You are invited whether you can knit or not. There are many folks who can get you started.

**Wednesday Bible Study meets from 3-4:30 p.m.** We are going to spend the next few weeks examining some of the debates of the Church both in the past and present. Who determines what is true and what is not? Join us for this interesting study as we continue to grow in our own faith and understanding.

**Choir Practice is moving to Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m., on May 2. We will meet on Sundays to warm up at 9:40 a.m. from Sunday, May 6 forward.**

**Revised Date for the Crossnore Presbyterian Church Centennial—Our 100 years as a Presbyterian congregation will be celebrated on Sunday, July 22, 2018.** We will have old time gospel music for the 11 a.m. service. At 3 p.m., there will be a Centennial Celebration Service followed by Dinner on the Grounds. Please mark this date.

**Thanks to all who helped to make our Potluck Luncheon honoring Tommie Tennant a delightful and delicious event.** Our next potluck luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 27.

**If you would like to provide a meal for Pat and Archie McMannen, please contact the church. office at 828-733-1939.**

### OUR ELDER

Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila  
Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims  
Class of 2020: Marion Blue, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley  
Ashlyn DeWitt: Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Hutcheson: Director of Music  
Barbara Ross: Voluntary Church Administrator  
Attendance Last Sunday: 28

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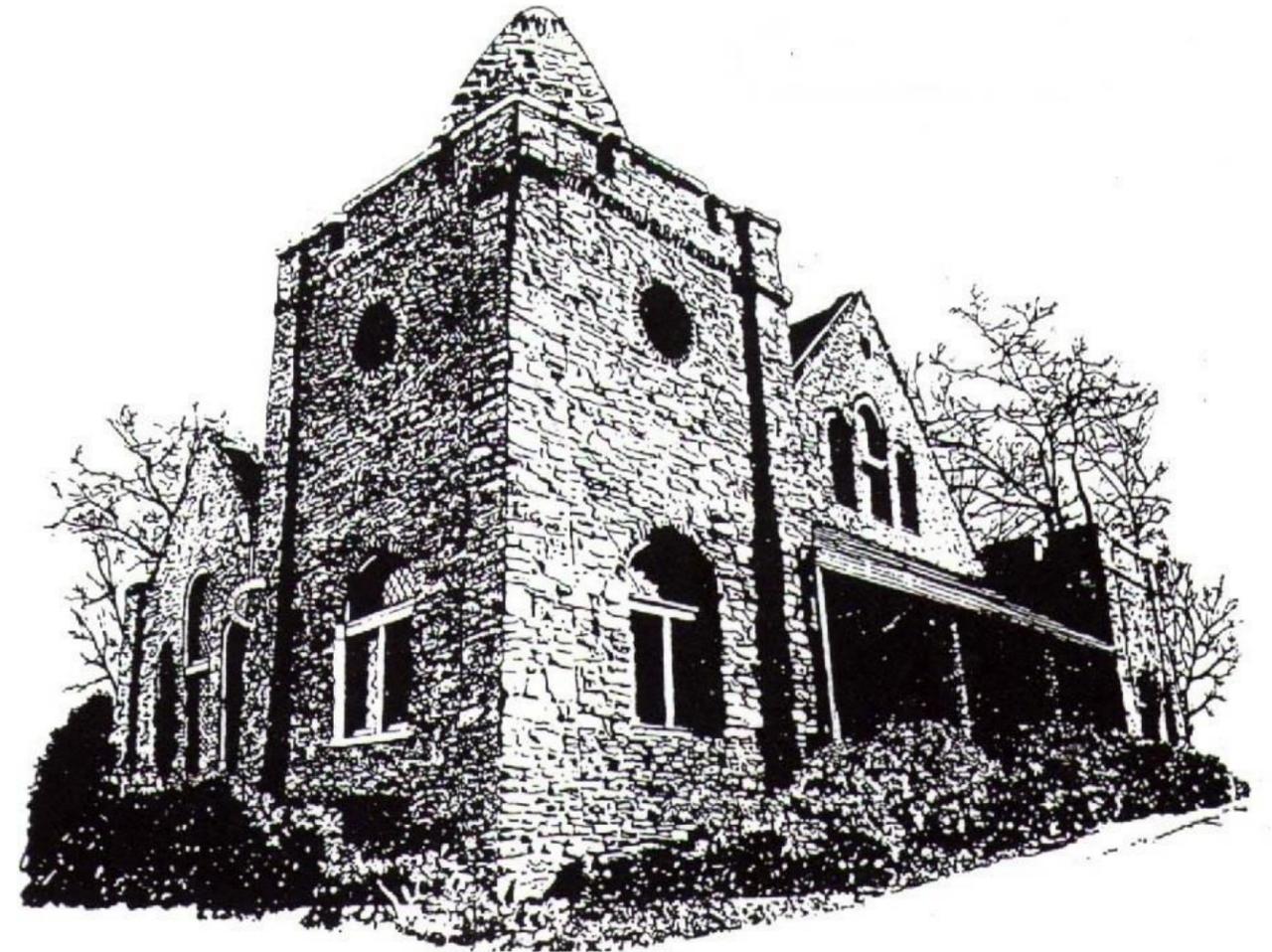
### Prayers, Concerns and Thanksgivings

**\*\*Ann Blazer** is struggling with major health issues. Her address is: 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. **\*\*Ashlyn DeWitt** had surgery on her broken wrist this past Thursday and is home recovering along with **Jason DeWitt** who had surgery to repair a dislocated thumb. Their mailing address is: 1911 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Sharon Lawing's sister-in-law, Bonnie**, passed away on Thursday morning, and Sharon and the family were by her side. Sharon and Kevin Lawing's address is: 1701 Cross Point Rd., Matthews, NC 28105 **\*\*Carroll and Linda Berkley (and Cooper) are returning to the mountains soon and are doing well.** Their home address is: 241 A Silver Springs Drive, Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Lorraine Alls appreciates your prayers and your cards.** Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Mary Agnes Smith, Rachel Deal's sister**, is at Banner Elk Life Care and enjoys visits.

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512, email: [rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com). Her office hours are Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there.

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR  
5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER, APRIL 29, 2018  
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.