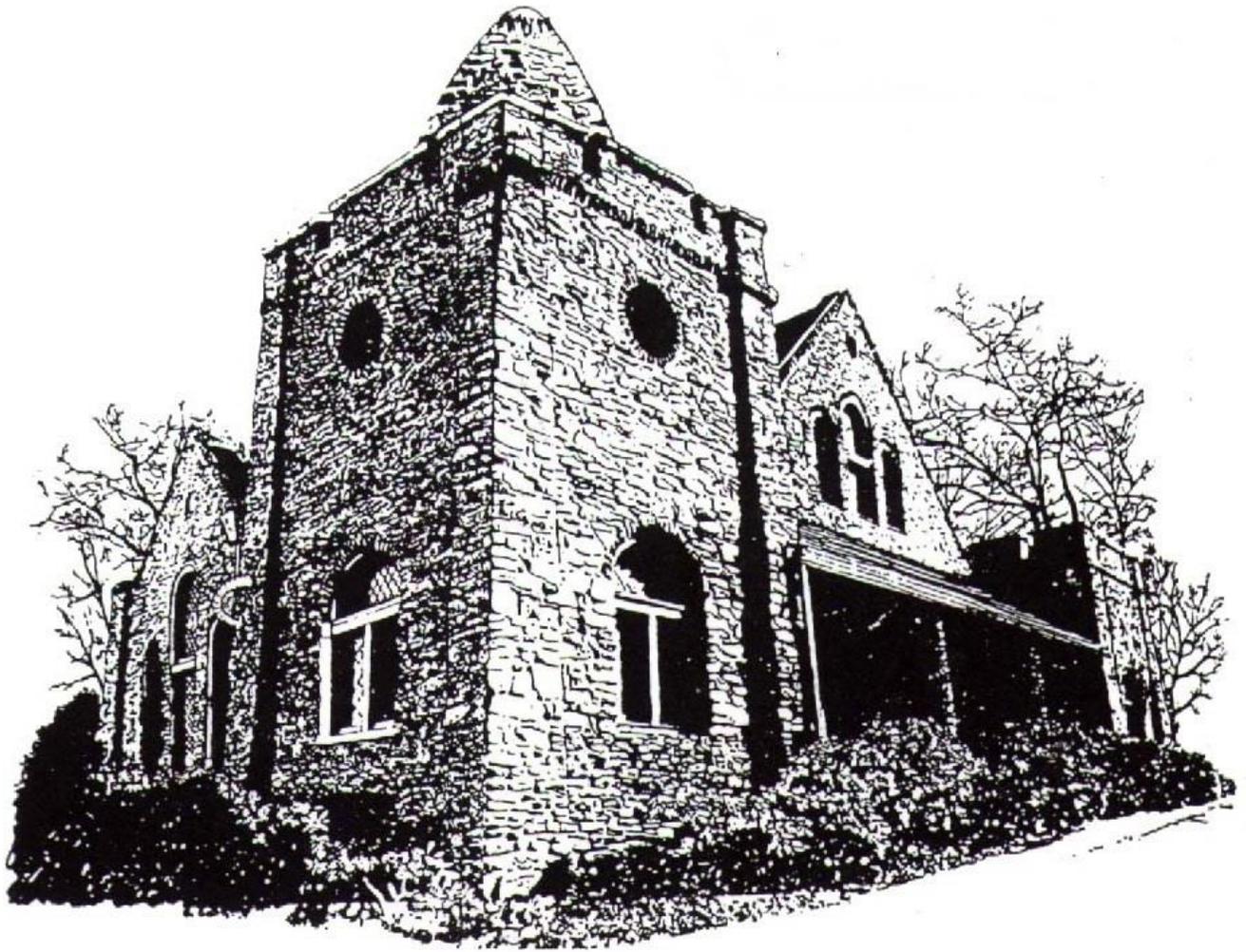


THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV.KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR
12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 12, 2018
ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Christ

arr. by Mark Hayes

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship # 3 *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* (Songs of Worship)

words & music by
Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

***Call to Worship:**

Linda Drivas

We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

We gather to praise our God, whose steadfast love never weakens:

For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

Hymn of Praise # 625 *O Lord, My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Call to Confession:

God knows us through and through and loves us still and all. Let us come before the One who knows the light and the shadow sides of our souls and wants us to be whole in Christ. Join me as we confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus. Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-weary God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts, so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength, so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children. (A moment of silent confession). In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Have you not been listening? God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!”

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Choir Anthem: *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

by Charles Wesley, based on Psalm 150
choral setting by Lani Smith

Second Lesson: Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Sermon: “Through the Roof”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (p. 35, Glory to God Hymnal)

Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

THE SERVANT SONG

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

based on RESIGNATION from Southern Harmony 1835
arr. by Mark Hayes

Doxology # 608 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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

You lift us to our feet, so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with your gifts, so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn # 694 *Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

based on LOBE DEN HERREN
arr. by Ron Loree

Announcements

We warmly welcome everyone to worship this morning. If you are visiting for the first time, we hope that you will experience God's presence in this time of worship and fellowship. Please join us for coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall after service.

Thank you to all who helped with breakfast yesterday! We appreciate all your time and effort.

Wednesday Knitting Group, 1-3 pm! New knitters and beginning knitters are welcome. Join in the fun and fellowship weekly!

Wednesday Bible—We have begun our study on the Gospel of Mark and will covering Mark 2, Wednesday, August 15.

Wednesday Choir Practice begins at 5 pm and finishes around 6:15 pm. If you are here full-time or part-time and you enjoy singing, you are invited to join our choir.

The Mission Committee would like to thank all who contribute to the Mission fund. Our congregation was able to donate \$1,500 to the next Avery County Habitat Build, \$1,000 to the Summer 4-H Program for three boys in need, and \$500 to the Back-to-School Bash for our county school children who cannot afford school supplies. Thanks for caring and sharing!

We received a note this week, from Janet Millsaps of Reaching Avery Ministry, thanking Crossnore Presbyterian Church for our support of RAM and their mission to help those in need in Avery County.

We also received a thank you note, from Cindy Lindecamp of Volunteer Avery County and Community Services, thanking us for our continued support and for the confidence we have place her organization. Volunteer Avery County works to "provide each person who comes through our door with love, compassion, and assistance with whatever means we have".

OUR ELDERS

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: 90

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Prayers Requests and Thanksgivings

****Jo Johnson passed away early Thursday morning, August 9, at Cannon Hospital. Please keep Tasha Reid, Jo's daughter in your prayers.** Arrangements are pending and we will share those as soon as we have them.

****Anne Blazer** is doing remarkably well and has begun her chemotherapy. Please keep her and Bill in your prayers and keep the cards and calls coming! Their address is: 1838 Asbury Drive, Clearwater, FL 33765. ******

Judy Lilly, who is a friend of many in our congregation and would appreciate our prayers. She can be sent cards in care of Beth and Greg Gacek at 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC. ****Rick & Susan Crawford and their family**

are grieving over the loss of their (stillborn) grandson, Kyler Henry, who was the son of Shay & Stephanie Crawford. Please keep them in your prayers. Rick & Susan Crawford's address is: 3825 Adina Drive, Bartlett, TN 38135. ****Marion Blue's cancer has spread. She does not need food but loves visits. Please call before you go (828-742-1046).** ****Shirley Price is fighting fibrosis of the lungs and appreciates our prayers.** Her address is P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. ****Lorraine Alls appreciates your prayers and 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. Her address is Mary Agnes Smith, Life Care at Banner Elk, P.O. Box 2199, Banner Elk, NC

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