



"Body of Christ"

Second Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, MD

Virtual Worship Service *The Third Sunday of the Easter Season*

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Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Welcome from Pastor Kathy- click the link below and then click the arrow on the box:

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Prelude: A Selection from Mozart played by pianist, Anke Chen

<https://youtu.be/HjIsRzdp6mk>

(Note about the pianist: Anke Chen was born in January 2011. She is five years old in the video above and can play Mozart, Bach and Chopin like a pianist of four times her age. Anke began taking piano lessons at age four at the Tianjin Conservatory of Music in China).

Call to Worship:

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Let us worship the God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

Hymn of Praise: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; Harmony: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Sing along with the First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCCpj1x-vvg#action=share>

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, o sister moon with silver gleam,

sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.

Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,

sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



"Reconciling All Things 2018"
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Calvin University

Call to Confession:

When we confess our lives, we are calling on God who promises not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope. Join me, as we pray together:

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with the silly choices we make. Given the chance to reflect your love and grace in our lives, do those around us see these gifts? We offer words of healing and hope but they seem so insufficient in times like these. We see Christ in the doctors and nurses who are on the frontlines of the pandemic but forget to notice him in the hands and the feet of the workers driving trucks, delivering mail, stocking shelves, and others who go unnoticed as they risk their safety for us. Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your wisdom and mercy, Lord God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future (moment of silent confession). In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God. This good news never ceases to astound us! **This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with all who need forgiveness, kindness, courage, and hope. For these abundant gifts from God are contagious in our sharing. Thanks be to God!**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Give Thanks* sung by Henry Smith

Text and Music: Henry Smith

Sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9uZl4w4xgM>

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

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Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
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Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
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First Lesson: Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";
I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar."
What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

"Praying Hands" by Albrecht Durer

**Choral Anthem: *Christ Has No Body But Yours*
Music by David Ogden and sung by Exultate Singers
Words based on the writings of Teresa of Avila**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoV6R6qk4vY>

Second Lesson: Luke 24:36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.

Sermon: "We Are Christ's Hands and Feet"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

(the sermon is attached as a separate document)

Affirmation of Faith: Mother Teresa's words paraphrased

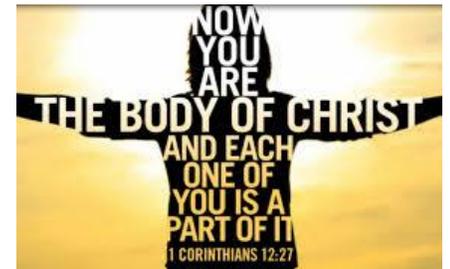
Christ has no body now, but ours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but ours.

Ours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.

Ours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.



Hymn of Meditation: *Great God of Every Blessing*

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Text: David Grambell, 2009; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Sing along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZRhRqQKFH8>

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Prayers of the People:

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!
Risen Lord, hear our cry for help...

for those surrounded by the shroud of death,
for those covered by the mantle of dying, for those hemmed-in by illness, visible or veiled
hear our cry for help...

for those weighed down with worries, for those carrying the burden of distress
for those overwhelmed by isolation
hear our cry for help...

for those who are weary, for those who are tattered and worn
for those who collapse from exhaustion
hear our cry for help...

Risen Lord, hear our cry of thanksgiving – for the graciousness with which you hear
for the patience with which you listen, for the grace with which you care
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

for the ways you accompany us through deep valleys, for the ways you lead us to still meadows
for the ways you provide all we need
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

for transforming death in resurrection life; for blessing and breaking ordinary bread
for opening our eyes to recognize you
hear our cry of thanksgiving...

Risen Lord, hear our cry for communities of faith – that we retain memory of being together
that we embrace unity in the reality of distance, that we foresee a future side-by-side, hand-in-hand
hear our cry for communities of faith...

that we sense purpose beyond ourselves, that we perceive the needs of creation
that we stretch ourselves to respond
hear our cry for communities of faith...

that our ways be formed by Your Way, that our lives be shaped by Your Life
that our love be Your Love—hear our cry for communities our faith...

And hear us as we pray together
the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: Our Father..

~inspired by Psalm 116 & Luke 24:13-31a

submitted by Katherine Kussmaul, Saint Giles Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Let us now offer our lives and our treasures that they may be blessed by God and used to offer hope, peace, life, and safe community to all in need of God's presence in their lives.

Offertory: *How Great Thou Art* sung by Melvin Wilhite, one of our members, from his home
Text: Stuart K. Hine, 1953; Music: Swedish folk melody, adapted by Stuart K. Hine

https://youtu.be/8fc3p5K7X_Q



*Asheville North Carolina Blue Ridge Parkway Scenic Sunset,
photograph by Dave Allen*

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of Grace, we thank you for the ways in which we're able to use this time to offer our gifts and our very lives back to you. Thank you for standing with us, even in the midst of frightening and disconcerting times. Thank you for the ways your love continues to flow into and heal the world. Please use these gifts and use each of us to further share the Good News of your resurrecting energy for us and all your creation. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Christ Be Our Light*

Text and Music: Bernadette Farrell, 1993

***Sing along with the choir: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain

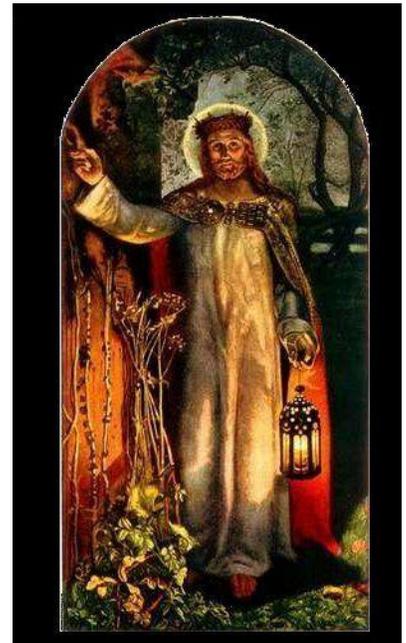
**Longing for food, many are hungry
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others
Shared until all are fed.**

Refrain

"Light of the World" St. Paul's Cathedral

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others
Walls made of living stone.**

Refrain



Many the gift, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your kingdom come.

Refrain

Charge and Benediction:

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed.

Postlude: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*Presented by John Rutter and Cambridge Singers, City of London *Sinfonia*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcYzO8Y4PH0&list=RDw4C9zVg5X_A&index=2

Church Announcements

Crossnore Presbyterian Church is featured in the special Faith Issue of the High Country Press magazine. The photos are spectacular and the excellent article focuses on our history, personal stories, and current information about our ministry. A photo of our church building made it on the front cover of the magazine. Take time to read it along with other articles about churches and ministers. **You can find the magazine online at: https://issuu.com/highcountrymagazine/docs/faith_layout_final or go to High Country Press homepage, <https://www.hcpress.com/> and scroll down the page looking at the right column until you reach Our New Faith Magazine. Crossnore Presbyterian's story starts on page 36.**

Thanks to all who continue to send in offerings for the general budget and for designated giving in this time of physical isolation. Because of your generosity, in April, our church family has been able to send a total of \$5,000 to three of our mission partners: Volunteer Avery County, Reaching Avery Ministry, and Feeding Avery Families. The needs are endless but so are God's abundant blessings. Thanks for continuing to be a blessing to so many in need. We will know in a couple of weeks where we stand with our general budget.

Sheri Elderfield has made some wonderful cloth masks with hepa filters that can be inserted. She has elastic bands and tie bands. The cost is \$6. If you would like to purchase one, please call Pastor Kathy, 828-260-2512. You can pick your mask(s) up at the church or have it mailed to you.

There is no update on our prayer list at this time. Please continue to pray for those on our list and send us your prayer requests. Be sure to check with the person you want to include on our prayer list to make sure that he/she gives you permission to be included.