

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 21, 2020



Welcome and Announcements:

This morning we join as one congregation with all those who are physically worshipping and those who are virtually worshipping. Please take time to read the announcements and prayer requests that are attached.

On this Father's Day, we ask God to bless our fathers who are still with us and those fathers who have passed but continue to bless us.

Prayer for Father's Day:

Heavenly Father,
today we ask you to bless our earthly fathers
for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy
that you exemplify in your relationship with us, your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort;
for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity;
for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries;
for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible and caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals.
Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes.
Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all.
Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness forever,
and instead, help us to move forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served
as father figures in our lives.
May the love and selflessness they showed us
be returned to them in all their relationships,
and help them to know that their influence
has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need
to raise happy and holy children,
grounded in a love for God and other people -
and remind these fathers that treating their partners
with dignity, compassion and respect
is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life
have been welcomed into your loving embrace,
and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.
In the name of Christ, we offer our prayers. Amen.

***Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 8:**

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
who are we that you are mindful of us?

Creator of Heaven and Earth, thank you for creating us and loving us in a way that knows no limits.

We acknowledge you as Lord and praise you with all of creation.

Holy Spirit, we welcome you in this time of praise and worship.

Please, Lord, shape us and mold us into the disciples of Jesus Christ that you are calling us to be.

Hymn of Praise: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Text and Music: Dawn Rogers and Eric Wyse

Sing along with Worship Tracks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDMhpShQLn0>

Wonderful, merciful Savior

Precious Redeemer and Friend.

Who would've thought that a Lamb could

Rescue the souls of men

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper

Spirit we long to embrace.

You offer hope when our hearts have

Hopelessly lost our way

Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain:

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore,

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father

Faithfully loving Your own,

Here in our weakness You find us

Falling before Your throne

Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

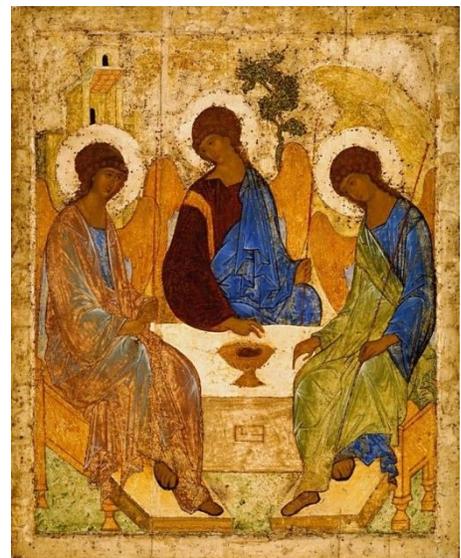
Refrain

Call to Confession:

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, to see the world with new and gracious eyes, to look for those places where love is needed, and to have faith that you are always with us (moment of silent confession). This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



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Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this good news and see the grace of God:
We are forgiven. We are free to go and live in the light of love.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Text and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880

Sing along with Alan Jackson:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkRTfrLBii0>

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

**"Come home, come home!
Ye who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home."**

**O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me**

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First Lesson: John 14:15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."



Special Music: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

Lindsay sings "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" on a mountaintop. *Her Heart Sings*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPI7WbPyoM8>

Second Lesson: John 20:19-23:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he

breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Sermon: "The Mighty Wind and the Peaceful Breath of the Spirit"
(the sermon is in a separate attachment in this email)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

***Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith, Sections 4 & 5:**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Hymn of Meditation: *Blessed Assurance

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

Sing along with: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuyf1YQvcwY>

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
Refrain**

Prayers of the People:

Ever living and ever loving God,
We praise you for your loving presence within us and around us.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take and transform our communities—
that broken people may find healing;
that lonely people may find love;
that bitter people may find peace;
that fearful people may find hope.

Come, Holy Spirit,
take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—
that communication can be open;
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will be reconciled;
that a hunger for peace will lead to a hunger for justice.

Come, Holy Spirit,
as we pray now for those particular places and people
whose names are on our prayer list, in our hearts, or known to you alone,
that they may receive healing, consolation, strength and courage.
Trusting in God's wisdom and compassion,
let us offer our own petitions to you in the silence of our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill your church—
that prayers will change our minds
 instead of trying to get you to change yours;
that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our lives with your presence—
so that more and more every day,
all that we do and say and hope
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others,
to the glory of the Risen Christ, who taught his disciples to pray,
Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

In gratitude for the God's presence and power in us and in the world through the Spirit who comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable, we offer our lives and our resources to further the work of God's Kingdom near and far. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqBnzM1JBWM>

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Wondrous God of the universe, who finds time to whisper your love to us and shout it if need be, we come before you with grateful hearts. When you speak your love into our lives, it is the most precious gift of all. It is not a gift for us to hold and hide, but to proclaim from the rooftops! May the gifts we offer to you this morning proclaim your love loudly to a world that often feels forgotten. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Text: Elisha A Hoffman, 1887; Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

Sing along with Iris Dement: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1r-aTbaA-c>

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

***Charge and Benediction:**

May the Holy Spirit bless you with what you need at this time in your life:
A gust of wind to challenge you or a peaceful breath to comfort you.



Circle of Disciples

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
in this day forward and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude: *I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Performed by Alison Krauss and The Cox Family:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3rlzgXJBX0>