



*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*Sunday, August 23, 2020*

Announcements and Prayer Requests- (attached document)

Choral Call to Worship: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Text: German Hymn, 1800; Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

**\*Call to Worship:**

This day is God's gift to us –

**A gift of community and Sabbath,**

A gift of doing nothing more than offering thanks and basking in the divine presence.

**This time is our gift to God –**

A gift of song, and prayer, and silence,

**A gift of offering our lives in service to our Maker.**

Surrounded by all these gifts, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn of Praise: *In Christ There is No East or West***

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

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In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
His service is the gold cord close binding humankind.

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**Call to Confession:**

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession together before God.

**Litany of Confession:**

God, we believe you have called us to unity, but often we have isolated ourselves from others.

**God, forgive us for the times we have turned our backs on those who are different.**

God, we believe you have called us to live together as one body.

**God, forgive us for the times we have created division within your church.**

God, we believe you ask us to look, listen, and learn from others.

**God, forgive us for the times we have ridiculed and attacked those with different viewpoints.**

God, we believe you ask us to accept and seek to understand all who are called by your name.

**Forgive us for the times we have offended you by failing to love others as we do ourselves.**

God, we believe you call us to be one even as you are one.

**Forgive us for the disunity we have harbored and make us one.**

(moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**



**Assurance of Pardon:**

God and Creator of all humankind,  
your Son Jesus Christ prayed that your church might be one even as you  
our God are one.

May you renew our minds and rekindle your love in our hearts,  
so that by the power of the Spirit,  
we might find the Oneness that you intend for us.

**God, may we see in your Oneness our need for unity,**

**God, may we see in your Three-ness our need for community,**

**God, may we see in your creativity our need for diversity,**

**God, may we see in your Self our need to love each other. Amen.**

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**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *There is a Redeemer***

Text: Rosamond E Herklots, 1969, 1983; Music: Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820

Sing along with the Hereford Cathedral Congregation:

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**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you of my Father, forgiving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.**

**Thank you of my Father, forgiving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.**

**Thank you of my Father, forgiving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**First Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Special Music: *Down by the Riverside* sung by Playing for Change**

(musicians performing from across the world sharing that we are truly all in this together)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQ1gHm8v3ek>

**Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Sermon: “All in the Family”**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith: A Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith PC (USA):**

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

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: *We Are One in the Spirit***

Text and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966

Sing along with the First Plymouth Church Choir and Congregation, Lincoln, NE:

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=jnazafzv&p=music+video+to+We+are+One+in+the+Spirit%2C+We+are+One+in+the+Lord#id=11&vid=5f96e78e308b9d87344a6be36149d4d1&action=view>

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

**Refrain:**

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
**Refrain**

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:  
**Refrain**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:  
**Refrain**

**Prayers of the People:**

Our gracious, eternal God, we thank you this day for the instruction of scripture. Paul reminds us of our human struggle for self-worth and a positive self-image. Yet in that struggle how quickly we become vulnerable to thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought. We know that we succumb to false pride. We know that the other side of false pride is that we really are feeling poorly about ourselves. Yet how often we lose our way and lose perspective. Lend us sober judgment.

Remind us that we were made for community. Remind us that we are meant to walk with our sisters and brothers in the faith. Remind us to set forth our views to others but not to insist always on our own way. Remind us not to minimize our own gifts but to present them for the betterment of the Christian community. Remind us to tease forth and bless the gifts of others. Remind us that we are all one body of Christ and members one of another. In all things make us compassionate. In all things continue to transform us and to renew our minds, hearts, and spirits so that we may truly discern your will and your ways.

We pray for our world. We have witnessed so much brutality these past years. We pray that you would implant within the hearts of all your creatures the desire to diminish the inhumanity to others which is so prevalent in our broken world. Bring peace. But also bring peaceful and loving hearts. We would also breathe a prayer for those who must walk through the valley of suffering. Bring them healing and hope. We offer all our prayers, those spoken and those shared in the silence of our hearts, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, Our Father...Amen

#### **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

Merciful Lord, you have provided each of us with many similar, yet unique gifts. Thank you, Lord, for the talents and abilities of people within this congregation. We are a blessed people! Now, we unite as one body to share in this worshipful act of the offering. Giving is such a joy-filled experience! Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to support the transformation of people's spiritual and physical lives through the ministry and mission of this Body of Christ. Amen.

#### **\*Traditional Doxology:**

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

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**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.**

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

**We will not proclaim our faith with our words only, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you, O God. And through our lives and our gifts, we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.**

#### **\*Closing Hymn: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands***

Text and Music: Traditional African American Spiritual first published in 1927; Mack Wilberg's arrangement

*(absolutely beautiful and inspiring)*

Sing along with the Honor Choirs, Sylvia McNair, Santino Fontana, and the USAF Singing Sergeants join the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square during the 2015 ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Conference in Salt Lake City.

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#### **\*Charge and Benediction:**

So as you conclude this time of worship, how will you live?

**We leave this time of worship to share the gifts we have been given.**

**We take with us the gifts to build up the Body of Christ.**

**We are ready to witness to God's presence and power in the world around us and to share God's love.**

Go in love, go in peace, go with God.

**Amen.**