

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 30, 2020
Crossnore Presbyterian Church



Announcements (attached document)

Choral Call to Worship: *Appalachian Grace (Our Song of Endless Praise)*

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***Call to Worship:**

For the beauty of the summer day,
and the comfort of friends nearby;
for the invitation to love and be loved,
for our God who extends that call;
for time set apart to nourish the soul,
for time to go out into the world armed with love:
for all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

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

Text: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838; William Henry Monk, 1861

Sing along with the First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE:

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For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Call to Confession:

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

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, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us (moment of silent confession). This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

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

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"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

First Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."



Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Special Music: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* sung by the Voices of Hope Children's Choir

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Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless

those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon: "Say What??" (attached document)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Meditation # 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Text: Anonymous, 1912; adapt. Sebastian Temple, 1967; Music: Sebastian Temple, 1963

Sing along with BBC young Choristers of the Year:

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**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You**

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
Or to be loved as to love with all my soul**

**Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life**

Prayers of the People:

**Lord of love and light,
shine into our lives and bring your love into our souls.
Remind us of the amazing ways you have loved us,**



even when we turned our backs on you.
Open our hearts to receive your loving spirit.
Open our minds to receive your wisdom.
Open our hands to show others your loving compassion.

Lord of love and light,
we hold in our hearts those around us who feel unloved.
We bring them to you for you to shine your love into their lives.
We hold in our minds those who overwhelmed by their needs and difficulties.
We hold in our hands your loving compassion to give them.

Lord of love and light,
there are people and places that are dark
and in the dark about your love.
Shine forth your light and love in their lives and in those places.

There are people and places that have closed their minds to you,
to others, to new and fresh ideas.
Shine forth your light and love to open their minds to you,
to others, to new and fresh ideas.

There are people and places that need our hands
reaching out to them with your loving compassion.
May our reaching out to them with your love and compassion,
shine forth your light and love.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray:
Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

There are many signs we claim for our faith but ultimately it is our active love that reveals who we worship. As the basket comes around commit to give of your whole selves. Give of your talents and material possessions to the Church with the expectation that they will be used to further God's Kingdom, God's dream for our world. Let us receive this morning's offering.



***Doxology # 608**

**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:**

God of love and mercy, we give you thanks that the compassion of Christ was challenged to move beyond the people of one community. May it be a reminder to us, his disciples, to follow this example in our living and our giving. Help us to see beyond our walls, beyond our communities, and across the divides of nation, race and creed, and to be generous as we share our blessings that have their source in you, God of us all. We pray in the name of our rock and redeemer; in Christ, we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn # 450 *Be Thou My Vision

Text: Irish poem translated by Mary E. Byrne, 1905, verses by Eleanor Hull, 1912; Music: Irish Ballad
Sing along with Christ Church, North London:

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Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

***Charge and Benediction**

Don't just pretend to love others—really love them.
Hate what is wrong and pursue what is good
as if your life depended on it.
Live in true devotion to one another,
loving each other as sisters and brothers.
Do not lose your zeal for God,
but serve God passionately and with enthusiasm.
And do not forget to rejoice,
for hope is always just around the corner!
And may the love of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
strengthen and sustain you in all things.
Amen.

Postlude: *Skin Deep* produced by Playing for Change featuring Buddy Guy

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