

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 27, 2020



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Announcements and Prayer Requests- attached

Choral Call to Worship: *This is the Day*

Text and Music: John Rutter

Sung by the Cambridge Singers: <https://youtu.be/8UGxzEyop14>

(a bit long but totally worth listening to)

***Call to Worship:**

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us.

Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.

Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Marion Runyan, 1923

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

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Call to Confession:

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of love, you come to us in the person of Jesus Christ, who embodied humility for our sake. We confess that we have chosen pride rather than humility. We have tried to take advantage of our position and abilities, rather than offering them up for the sake of others. We have not listened to your Word made flesh. Forgive

us. Teach us to give glory to you alone, to humbly serve each other, and to follow as disciples of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear this good news: God is at work in us. Live this truth: God's grace is more than enough for whatever we carry. Know that we are forgiven, loved, and free.

We will rejoice and be glad! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Amazing Grace*

Text: John Newton, 1772; Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829

Sing along with Judy Collins and the Global Virtual Choir: <https://youtu.be/Oav8CkGpcwA>

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

First Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



"God's Grace" by Kathleen Huebener

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Special Music: Sandy Patty sings “Were It Not For Grace” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9kgl42I89s>

Text and Music: Larnelle Harris

Second Lesson: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.



Artist, Sieger Köder

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Sermon: “True Authority”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

***Affirmation of Faith from the Iona Community, Scotland:**

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus,

The Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God’s presence,

To live with respect in creation,

To love and serve others,

To seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: *Be Thou My Vision*

Text: Irish Poem translated by Mary Bryne, 1905; Music: Irish Ballad

Sing along with Beverley Minister, Yorkshire: <https://youtu.be/YxvXGgSIRcs>

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 wo,
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.

Prayers of the People:

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of your people;
incline your ears to the words of our mouth.
We call out to you on account of your faithfulness,
for you are the Ancient of Days, and your word never fails.
Keep faith with those in need today,
as you have forever before,
so we might sing your praises for generations to come.
Be faithful to the young, who are just learning the ways of the world.
Be faithful to those who are older,
and especially to those who struggle with disease of body or mind or spirit.
Be faithful to those who are poor, injured, grieving, or under threat;
that your wholeness, your peace, and your joy may be restored.
We put our trust in you,
remembering your gracious works
made real for us in Jesus Christ, in whom we pray: Our Father...

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Our gifts this morning are one way that we trust God and the power of God's love even in a world that keeps telling us to be afraid. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise for each new day we are given filled with hope and promise if we have eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to help.



"The Sacred Heart of Jesus"
Artist, Stephen B. Whatley

***Doxology:**

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

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

We give you thanks, O God, for you are at work in your world. As we open our hands to offer these gifts, we open our hearts to offer ourselves, a living witness to your grace and goodness. May your blessing multiply in this and every place, until all know the glory of your love. Amen

Closing Hymn: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880; Music: William G. Tomer, 1880

Sing along with the Ely Cathedral Choir: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hvaysA1MYQ>

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain

God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain

God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again. Refrain

***Charge and Benediction:**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
that all might see, and seeing, believe.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you and with our world now and forever more. Amen.

Postlude: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Organist, Jason Payne: <https://youtu.be/PI5v70jeESM>



Entrance to Mepkin Abbey