

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
World Communion Sunday  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, October 4, 2020*



**Choral Call to Worship: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine***

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

Sing along with Alan Jackson: <https://youtu.be/6vfqYwfTqIE>

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of his spirit washed in his blood

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

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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**\*Call to Worship:**

We gather around the Table in places far and near,  
indoors, outdoors, in pews, at kitchen tables, sitting in lawn chairs and parked cars,  
joining in the joyful feast with congregations across the globe;  
**eating sourdough, rye, tortillas, crackers, wafers, and wonderbread—  
sharing in the mystery of the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven;**  
Drinking the wine or the juice from COVID-safe cups, pottery mugs and wine glasses—  
sharing in the mystery of the blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

**The bread and the cup unite us with all who would follow Jesus.**

This meal reaches back through the centuries.

This table reaches around the world.

This table gathers the saints on earth and the saints above.

**Let us eat and drink with joy.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship, all verses***

Text: George Atkins, 1819; Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825

Sing along with the Gospel Plowboys: <https://youtu.be/nRHWbpVwu1Q>

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then He'll call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

**Call to Confession:**

Within the love of our Christian community, in the power of spoken word and silence, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Let us offer our confession before God and each other.

**Litany of Confession:**

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth  
you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

**We come to the feast together.**

Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

**Renew us and make us one.**

Forgive us for stifling your praise with our complaints.

**Renew us and make us one.**

Forgive us for silencing the songs of others with our pride.

**Renew us and make us one.**

Forgive us for our warring chants that destroy humanity.

**Renew us and make us one.**

Free us from every sin that divides your children.

**Free our tongues to offer you the sacrifice of praise**

**in union with Christ's offering for us**

(moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Through Christ we are forgiven and freed; In Christ we are reconciled and renewed.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 418 *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling***

Text and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880

Sing along with Anne Murray: [https://youtu.be/w572Nk\\_-34](https://youtu.be/w572Nk_-34)

**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.**

**Refrain:**

**Come home, come home,  
You who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner, come home!**

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

Oh, 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. (Refrain)

**Prayer of Illumination:**

God of All Wisdom and Wonder, send your Holy Spirit to gather us with our friends and family, our brothers and sisters in Christ, around the globe to listen to what you have to tell the Church today. Amen.

**First Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-6**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**Special Music: *He's Got the Whole World In His Hands***

A great song by Laurie London! The song was produced by George Martin years before he started producing The Beatles songs.

<https://youtu.be/12CmOw5MY0E>

**Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**Sermon: “The Difference Between Building Walls and Building Bridges”  
(included as a separate attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

God calls us to be generous not when all the bills are paid,  
not when we have all that we need, not when we see our way clearly;  
God calls us to be a generous people now, in this moment,  
trusting ourselves to the care and provision of God.  
Let us continue our worship with giving our tithes and offerings.

**\*Doxology # 606**

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

Sing along with Isaac Robert: <https://youtu.be/joCinBhj4a4>

**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:**

Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you what you have so freely given to us. Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider, be pleasing to you, blessed Creator, Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 525 Let Us Break Bread Together**

Text and Music: African American Spiritual

Sing along with Chamber Singers, 2013 Gunn HS Winter Choir Concert: [https://youtu.be/413cT\\_TQraY](https://youtu.be/413cT_TQraY)

**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees;  
when I fall down on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper- (included as a separate attachment)**

**\*Closing Hymn # 317 or 318: In Christ, There is No East or West**

Text: John Oxenham, 1908

Sing along with the congregation from St. Stephen's in Britain: <https://youtu.be/zfNlBxvXbus>

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north,  
But one great fam'ly bound by love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples in the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serve each other in Christ's love  
Are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north,  
All Christly souls are one in him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen. (Philippians 4:4-7)