

*Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church Sunday,  
October 11, 2020*

**Call to worship: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, verse one**

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

**\*Call to Worship:**

Let us pray: It is good to be together, God,  
in this place, with these people, at this time,  
**together listening for your voice.**

In this hour of worship  
tell us about your kingdom of kindness  
**so that we can seek it.**

Show us your justice.  
We want to walk with you,  
**humbly, closely, daily.**  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (verses 1,2, and 4)**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!.

**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. Let us pray, first in silence.

### **Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

**We come before you in need of healing:**

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

### **Moment of Silence**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, **that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Amen.**

#### **Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, verse 2**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.**

#### **First Reading: Psalm 27:1-5**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

#### **Second reading: Matthew 6:25-29**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

### **Sermon: Empty Boxes**

**Rev. Maggie Lauterer**

**Hymn of Meditation: # 819 *Be Still My Soul***

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and 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 to hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead.  
he ascended to 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 saint;;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offering**

**\*Doxology #606**

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

**\*Unison prayer:**

Oh Lord, we bring our offerings - what we have our resource, in body and in mind. Our offerings are for your work and for the support of this church we love. Bless these tithes and bless us as we seek to live as your body of Christ. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (837)**

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.

<sup>Refrain</sup>Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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.

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.

**\*Charge and Benediction**