

Virtual Worship Service
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, October 25, 2020



Choral Call to Worship: *I Love You, Lord*

Text and Music: Laurie Klein, 1978

*Sing along with Maranatha Music: <https://youtu.be/SYV0ce3ybEA>

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

Call to Worship:

God calls us in the midst of our lives:

“Pause a while and know that I am God.”

Come and behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in times of trouble.

People of God, let us place our hope in our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

God is with us, now and forevermore! Amen!

Hymn of Praise: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Text: Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

*Sing along with the Canadian Brass and the Iseler Singers: <https://youtu.be/3kEBnFjFMAk>

**Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, scatter thy foes.
Let thine almighty aid our sure defense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy wonders show.
Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.
To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

Call to Confession:

While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for Christ's saving presence in our lives.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place. In forgiving us, God of new life, you transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

It's not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transformed and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: *Softly and Tenderly*

Text and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880

*Sing along with Alan Jackson: <https://youtu.be/KkRTfrLBii0>

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See on the portals, he waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me.

And though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home."

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second 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.

Sermon: "Living the Question" (separate attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

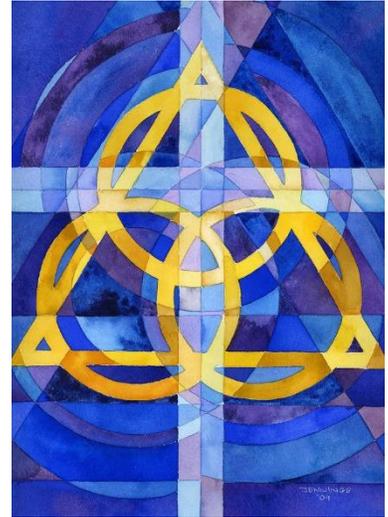
Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith, Sections 1 & 2:

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 Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**



"Trinity" by Mark Jennings

Hymn of Meditation: *Great God of Every Blessing*

Text: David Gambell, 2009; Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

***Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir, James Biery, organist and director. <https://youtu.be/9jmQZATK0x4>**

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

Prayers of the People:

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of all nations, elected officials, and civil servants to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we live in the midst of trying times, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are grieving, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us into this community of faith, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved ones who are now Saints in Light. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our Father... Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

In gratitude for all that God has done for us and given to us, we return a portion of these gifts that they may be used in service to others. Let us receive our morning offering.

Doxology: 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. 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; we pray that others might be transformed by your grace, your hope, and your peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; Music: John Zundel, 1870



***Sing along with the Choir and Congregation of First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska:**
<https://youtu.be/472ZiSO3Sjs?list=RD472ZiSO3Sjs> (starts with a brief different hymn)

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women richer poorer, all God's people young and old,
blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

Charge and Benediction:

Go now to follow the way of Jesus:

see others as he did;

dare to give freely as he did;

and to love unconditionally as he did.

Go, embraced by our Creator, the Source of life, love and hope;

in the company of Christ, the Word of life;

encouraged by the Holy Spirit, the Breath of life. *Amen.*

Postlude: *Be Thou My Vision*

***Sung my Nathan Pacheco:**

<https://youtu.be/ihJAJA4ibEs>

