

*Virtual Worship Service*  
*Sunday, November 8, 2020*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*

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

Text and Music: Laurie Klein 1978

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/3rl8ONPJmI0>

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

**Call to Worship:**

Are you awake? Are you alert?

**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see those in need?

**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

**Christ has extended the invitation:**

**let us work together in the reign of God on earth.**

**Hymn of Praise # 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell***

Text: William Kethe, 1560; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Sing along with: The National Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Of Her Majesty The Queen,  
Saint Paul's Cathedral, June 2012: <https://youtu.be/us2O62TTqYA>

All People that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his course unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.



"Oil Lamp" by Lucas Adimi

**Call to Confession:**

How quickly we forget - our faith, our calling, our hope. All because we feel that we must do everything, struggle with everything our way, forgetting that God is with us always. But God is quick to forgive, and to restore us to new life. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

**Litany of Confession:**

Lord Jesus, you seem absent  
when we struggle with suffering,  
but you are there with your strength:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, often we forget you  
in the cares of everyday life,  
but you are there with us:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you  
in our sick and neglected brothers and sisters,  
but you want us to serve you in them:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive us all our sins, Lord,  
and help us look for your presence within us and around us.  
Walk with us and lead us  
to the feast of everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

This is our assurance: God forgives us.  
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.  
This is our truth: God is with us always.

**We will speak the truth;  
we will live the hope;  
we will share God's mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Special Music: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

Sung by the Dragon School of Oxford: <https://youtu.be/2svZhZT6Pro>

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other



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bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." *The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.*

**Sermon: "What Does It Mean to Be Ready?"**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**We believe in an innovative God,  
who does not wait for us to find ourselves  
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,  
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power  
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,  
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty  
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,  
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations  
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

**Amen.**

*(written by Rev. Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church of Christ, Australia)*

**Hymn of Meditation # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit***

*Text and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966*

**Sing along with the First-Plymouth Choir, and congregation of First-Plymouth Church, pianist Tom Trenney:**

<https://youtu.be/cBHJobmBdK0>

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**Refrain:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

**God provides us with all we need and more to share. With gratitude and joy, let us give back to God a portion of our blessings, so that others may have the joy of experiencing abundant life in Christ. Amen.**



**Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**We can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to everyone in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn # 767 *Together We Serve***

**Text and Music: Daniel Charles Damon, 1996**

**Sing along with Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, CA: <https://youtu.be/xNeXFhZr9vE>**



**Together we serve, united by love, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.**

**We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

Go now, and follow in the footsteps of those  
who have gone before us in Christ.  
Worship and love the Lord.  
Serve God in sincerity and faithfulness.  
Teach those who come after you to trust in God.

And may God protect you along the way;  
may Christ Jesus keep you alert and prepared;  
and may the Holy Spirit fuel the lamp that guides your path.  
**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.**

**Postlude: *Amazing Grace* sung by Amira Willighagen:**

**<https://youtu.be/7PJWRKkMpHM>**

