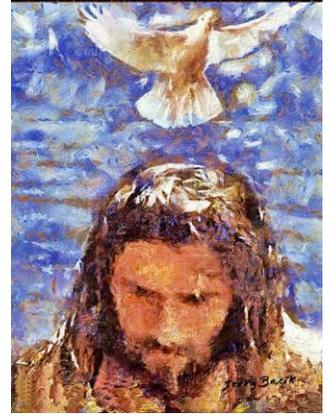


Virtual Worship Service
Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church



Welcome and Announcements (attached PDF Document)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Choral Call to Worship: *As I Went Down in the River to Pray*
sung by Alison Kraus: <https://youtu.be/zSif77IVQdY>

Bobby Taylor

Call to Worship:

Mary Noble

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Hymn of Praise # 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Bobby Taylor

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758; Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

Sing along with the Harvard University Choir; Edward Elwyn Jones, conductor

<https://youtu.be/b7CPIFJVvOg>

Instrumental Version played by The Bohn Family & Vincent Pelina:

<https://youtu.be/TLzagdlqnQU>

**Come thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.**

Call to Confession:

Charlie Stuart

Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God's goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of our baptismal waters, you sent John the Baptist to point to your Son. But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves. We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship. We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal. We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone. We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let

go. We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future. Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Special Music: *Wade in the Water*

African Spiritual song by Ella Jenkins and the Goodwill Spiritual Choir of Monumental Baptist Church

https://youtu.be/vg_8L96E3eU

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11



John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon: "Reading Maps" (Zoom Link & PDF Attachments)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed

Mary Noble

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

Hymn of Meditation # 649 *Amazing Grace*

Bobby Taylor

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

Sing along with Peter Hollens featuring Home Free: <https://youtu.be/7n145-J8eig>

**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.

Prayers of the People:

Barbara Stuart

Your voice, O Lord...your voice is powerful and sweet, tender yet awe-inspiring,
sometimes overwhelming, sometimes unheard.

We give you thanks that you spoke the world into being,
and that you continue to speak through your people and your creation.

We give you thanks for Jesus, the Word Made Flesh,
and pray that your word would be made flesh again in this place.

Come into our world again, God, and speak your healing word
to those who are broken, to those who are grieving,
to those who are ill, to those who are dying,
to those who need work, to those who despair,
to those whose lives are marred by violence or hate,
to those who struggle through one day at a time.

Remind them again and again and again:

You are my beloved, precious and treasured,
and I am with you to the end of the age.

Speak, Lord, that we all may be whole.

Even as we pray this, we wonder.

We want to hear your voice, but instead we hear our own.

Where is the voice that twists cedars, the voice that calls prophets,
the voice that creates light, the voice that makes animals play?

Where is the voice that brings peace?

Where is the voice that calls our name with nothing but Love?

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Lead us again beside your still water, O Lord,
and then trouble those waters with your Spirit
that we might find there your living water,
both refreshment and strength as we seek your way
and be able to say,

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

We offer these prayers and the prayers of our hearts to you
in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

Forever. Amen.



Artist, Wendy Webster Good

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Doug Noble

In thanksgiving for all that God has given us, let us present our gifts and our lives to God's service. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

We praise you, O Lord, and everything in us proclaims your holy name. You have forgiven our sin, healed our brokenness, and redeemed us from the power of death. You satisfy us with every good thing. We respond with gratitude through the gifts we present. Receive our offerings and our discipleship with your blessing, and lead us as we serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 541 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Bobby Taylor

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880; Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Sing along with the Ely Cathedral Choir: <https://youtu.be/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 provide 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 unfailing arms around 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:

Rev. Kathy Campbell

May the waters of God's grace surround you and uphold you.
May your baptism strengthen you for the work ahead.
And may the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism
fall upon your shoulders as you seek to do God's will.
Amen.

Postlude: *I Wonder and I Wander*

Hammered Dulcimer and Guitar - Steve and Ruth Smith

<https://youtu.be/gng2hRMqsOY>