

Virtual Worship Service for the Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, February 7, 2021

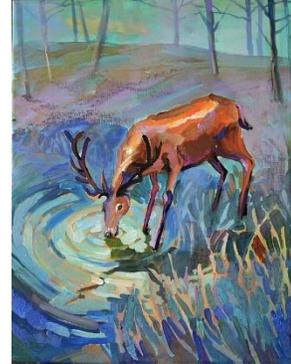
Welcome and Announcements (PDF Attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 1 Songs of Worship: *As the Deer* (verse one)

Text and Music: Martin J. Nystrom, 1984

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/H8kglggW4uc>

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone will my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.



Call to Worship:

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* (all verses)

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827; Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

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,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not
see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

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:

In the midst of winter and pandemic isolation, it is easy to become static, apathetic, and impatient. God calls us to repent, to turn around and look in the mirror of Christ to see who we truly are. Let us together confess our brokenness and seek God's forgiveness.

Unison Traditional Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his

sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to see ourselves as Christ sees us and the courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Response to God’s Grace and Mercy # 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Text: William H. Faulkes, 1918; Music: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

Sing along with Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, MI: <https://youtu.be/jjxGUTTP5lc>

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray,
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine
own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full
sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and
will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Prayer of Illumination:

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.
Open our minds and hearts to be changed.
Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.
Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.



Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began

to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. *The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.*

Sermon: “What Have You to Do With Us, Jesus of Nazareth?”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith:

God was incarnate in Jesus Christ,
who announced good news to the poor,
proclaimed release for prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
let the broken victims go free,
and proclaimed the year of the Lord’s favor.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost;
in his life and death for others
God's redeeming love for all people was made visible;
and in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
there is the assurance of God's victory over sin and death
and the promise of God's continuing presence in the world.
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Ordination and Installation of Elders, Class of 2023: Carroll Berkley, Linda Drivas, and Gene Hodges

Hymn of Meditation # 767 *Together We Serve*

Text and Music: Dan Charles Damon, 1996

Sing along with Frenchtown Presbyterian Church Music Director, Josh Wilson: <https://youtu.be/85VcV6KqPBo>

**Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending your 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.**

Prayers of the People:

Loving God, healer and bringer of wholeness, pour out your Spirit on all who are in need this morning: Those who are preparing for surgery, those who are recovering, those who are struggling with long term illness, those who are battling depression, those who are lonely or hungry or homeless. Dear God, you know the needs of all your children and we pray that you will pour your healing and wholeness upon them.

We name those who are on our prayer list as we pray for their healing and wholeness:

Dawn Bates, Nancy Coleman, Frank Duncan, the Bagby Family, Cheryl Kenyon, Erin Lind, Lindsay Edwards, Martha Lind, Mike Kilgore, Steven Mowery, Joe Jordan, Connie Vuolo, Michael Hutcheson, Barbara Swack, Bill and BobbiRae Hassett, Bonnie Coffee, RB Danner, Archie, Leyla Bedford, Barbara Downing, Marilyn Gascho, Tasha Reid, Dave Ehmgig, John Westrom, Janet Wells, Frances Brown, Marta, and all those affected by the pandemic.

Healer and Comforter, we lift up those people that are on our hearts this morning in this moment of silence...

We offer all our prayers spoken and unspoken to you in the name of 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, and the power, and the glory.
Forever. Amen.



Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

When we give of ourselves to meet the needs of others, we are co-creators in the health of God's creation.
As we have been given much, let us give in return.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your creation. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be transformed by your love. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (all verses)

Text: John Oxenham, 1908; Music: Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836

Sing along with The Fifth Ave Presbyterian Virtual Choir with Ryan Jackson, Organ: <https://youtu.be/tEwLle8Ue4Y>

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

Charge and Benediction:

Go forth...

...replenished by the grace and mercy of God,
...blessed by the healing love of Jesus,
...energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.

To share love that heals,
truth that frees,
and justice that brings true peace.

Amen.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

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

