

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021
Crossnore, NC*



"Transfiguration" by Svitozar Nenyuk

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to Crossnore Presbyterian Church. As we gather for worship this morning in all our different locations, we gather as One Body in Christ. This Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday and Presbyterians always celebrate the Transfiguration before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. We are also sharing in the Lord's Supper this morning.

You will be receiving a Lenten mailing this coming week. Our Lenten Daily Devotion is included in the mailing along with additional opportunities to participate with our church family as we travel with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb. We will share in a live Zoom Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday at 3 p.m. The Zoom link is included in the Announcements PDF attachment.

I would like to update you on a few prayer requests: Nancy Coleman had a successful knee replacement and is home and beginning her physical therapy. Dawn Bates continues to recover from her second knee replacement. Dave Kilgore's brother, Mike, is now in hospice care. Frank Duncan is being moved to a rehab center where Shellie will be able to visit with him. The rest of the prayer requests are included in the PDF Attachment.

Take a moment to pause your recording so you can print the order of worship and participate with us this morning. Bobby Taylor and Charlotte Davila are leading us in singing our hymns and Jonnie McBryde is our lay liturgist.



"Angels" by Christine Krainock

Choral Call to Worship #406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

Text and Music: Geron Davis, 1983

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/i2YEHMs05Lw>

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

Call to Worship:

Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor,
there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us,
**a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are
that transfigures the world,**
that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross
where old life ends and new life is born.

**In glory Jesus meets us here,
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain,
carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"



Hymn of Praise # 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: John Hatton, 1793

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/zNjdpdiK24I>

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Call to Confession:

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of mountaintops, the noise of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch the news headlines and worry about the pandemic; yet, we have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. At times, our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it.

Forgive us, God of Glory. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never-ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service! (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and God forgives us even when we find it difficult to forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

Text and Music: Melody Green, 1982

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/JDgZ1v3l9go>

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Refrain:

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.
When I stand in glory I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Refrain)**

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
(Refrain)**

First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. *The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.*



Sermon: "Dazzling Divinity"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

God's mercy and love are showered upon us with each new dawn. We show our gratitude for these blessings by dedicating our lives to Christ's ministry and mission—our time, our talents, our treasures. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life, remind us that our mission begins as we leave this time of worship, and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts. We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2005; Music: The Sacred Harp, 1844

Sing along with First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE: <https://youtu.be/RybuuNE1Rts?t=2>

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food for evermore.**

Refrain:

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our life, our Lord.**

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.**

Refrain:

**Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages; "I am with you; do not fear!"
(Refrain)**

**By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
(Refrain)**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As you prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper,
place a loaf of bread (or a slice) on a plate and fill a cup with juice or wine.
These are the elements that will be blessed
as Christ invites us to share in the joyful feast.
It is Christ who invites us to the table, Christ who feeds us,
and Christ who calls us to share his body with others
in ways that are healthy, helpful, and hopeful.



Invitation:

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south and from east and west
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.
This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share in the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we praise you.
Let the heavens be joyful,
and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world,
for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.
Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Guiding his children, he leads us.
Visiting the sick, he heals us.
Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life.
Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples
until we feast at your table in glory.
We praise you, eternal God,
through Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.



Words of Institution:

On the night that he was betrayed,
Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pass the bread to the person next to you and say,
“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Pass the cup to the person next to you and say,
“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Prayer after Communion:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
to be the Body of Christ
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 547 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983; Music: Welsh melody

Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir: <https://youtu.be/su2GuaPO4o>

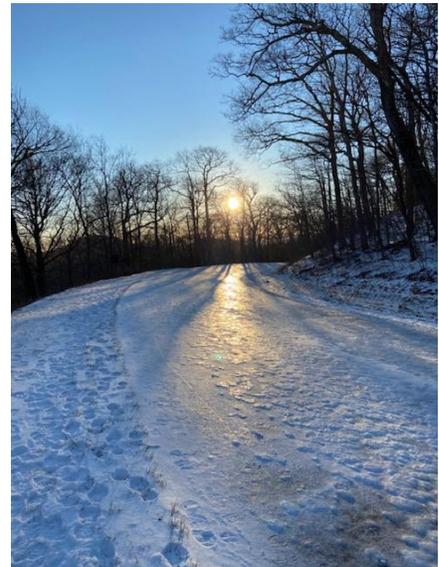
**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

Charge and Benediction:

And as you go from this mountain, go with the assurance that the God who creates you, who redeems you, and who sustains you goes with you from this place to wherever the path may lead. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and with all of us and the beautiful world God created and loves. Amen.



"Winter Sunset" Photo by Karl Campbell