

CPC Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Lent, February 21, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore, NC



Welcome and Announcements: PDF Attachment with worship service email

Choral Call to Worship: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* Bobby Taylor/Charlotte Davila

Text and Music: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989

Sing along with Selah: <https://youtu.be/fK6sYVQCqhs>

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
you offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain:

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;
here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne,
oh, we're falling before your throne. (Refrain)

Call to Worship:

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Come together and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Hymn of Praise # 612 *We Praise You, O God*

Text: Julie C. Corey, 1902; Music: Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626

Sing along with The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Virtual Choir: https://youtu.be/4DWmVlw_-8g

Bobby Taylor & Charlotte Davila

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Call to Confession:

Barbara Ross

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession publicly and privately.

Unison Prayer of Confession:



God, we come with hesitant steps and uncertain motives to sweep out the corners where sin has accumulated, and uncover the ways we have strayed from your truth. Expose the empty and barren places where we don't allow you to enter. Reveal our half-hearted struggles where we have been indifferent to the suffering of others. Nurture the faint stirrings of new life, where your spirit has begun to grow. Let your healing light transform us into the image of Christ. For you alone can bring new life and make us whole (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. We are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation* Bobby Taylor/Charlotte Davila

Text: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; translation, Emma Tibets, 1955; verses, Jane Parker Huber, 1989;
Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Partk Second, 1813.

Sing along with Geneva Presbyterian Church: <https://youtu.be/YuRSmUa0iz4>

**Hear the good news of salvation; Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**



**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.**

First Lesson: Psalm 30

Boyd Barrier

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your
faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Special Music: Podd Brothers Virtual Choir and Orchestra in New York City:

How Can I Keep From Singing: <https://youtu.be/VLPP3XmYxXg>



"Jesus Heals the Leper" by Ann Lukesh

Second Lesson: Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter. *The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Sermon: "How Would You Describe Jesus in Four Words?" (Zoom Link or PDF)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Lenten Affirmation of Faith led by Barbara Ross

**We believe in God, Father, Creator;
who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy,
Our God sustains us in our weakness, and
empowers us with His strength.
We trust Him.
We follow Jesus Christ, God's Son.
His death is our victory, His resurrection is our hope;
in Him the Word became flesh; in Him we find forgiveness,
renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness,
and release from despair.
We are saved through Him.
We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.
That same Spirit calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate love, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.
We are empowered through Him.
We are disciples, pilgrim people.
We joyfully covenant to walk together in love.
To live in fellowship, in life, in death, in life beyond death.
God is with us! We are not alone! Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Meditation # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: USA folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828

Sing along with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir: <https://youtu.be/yzARLyXJjec>

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
he brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

Prayers of the People:

*The LORD upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.* (Psalm 145:14)

God of love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love;
fractured families, broken homes, those who are neglected, unwanted, alone.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;
persecuted and oppressed, exploited, ill-treated, broken.
God of justice, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace;
in battle zones and broken states, those who are frightened, fearful, anxious.
God of peace, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing;
physical and spiritual, those who are hurting, weakened, depressed.
God of healing, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy;
those who are convicted, in need of your Grace, contrite, humble, bowed down,
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We add our own prayers to these petitions spoken and unspoken
(moment of personal prayer).

We lift our prayers to you, O God, in the name of Christ Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray:
Our Father who are 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.



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Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

God calls us to generous giving as God continues to meet our needs each day. Having received so much, we have the opportunity to dedicate our time, our talents, and our financial gifts to the work of God's kingdom. Friends, let us joyfully and generously present our lives and our resources to Christ's ministry and mission.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of the Lenten journey,

we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs.

We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

Closing Hymn # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

Text and Music: Richard Gillard, 1977

Sing along with Divine Hymns: <https://youtu.be/kf-Rkwz5skA>

Will you let me be your servant,

let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace

to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;

we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear.**

**I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,

We shall find such harmony

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,

let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I might have the grace

to let you be my servant, too.

Charge and Benediction:

Go with a tender and grateful heart,
remembering that you may be the only gospel that your neighbor reads
this week.

So, in all you say and do, spread the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and
the friendship of the Holy Spirit.

You are blessed by the grace, love, and friendship of the Triune God
and now you are commissioned to share it by being a blessing in this
world. **Amen.**

Postlude: *What Wondrous Love Is This*, Southern Harmony,

arr. Robert Scholz

St. Olaf College Choir: <https://youtu.be/DsVnvN3EVxY>

