



Virtual Worship Service
The Fourth Sunday in the Lenten Season
Sunday, March 14, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church

Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
Charlotte Davila & Bobby Taylor

Text: German Hymn; Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

Sing along with First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/rPQ7t8TcY5k> -

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Worship:

Friends of God, believe this –
God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved!
May the truth of this great love story,
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.

So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations and your discouragements;
come with your doubts, your fears,
and your longings;
come, to discover yet again
how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy.

Come, in friendship to God
and to each other,

Daniel Coffey

and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.

Friends of God,
let us worship!

Hymn of Praise # 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

Sing along with a British Music Programme: <https://youtu.be/9EikGeNuoBA>

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When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Call to Confession:

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The call to confession is always a call to experience God's mercy. In admitting the truth of our lives to our loving Creator, we open ourselves to the experience of grace and healing. Trusting in that divine love, let us pray together:

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we admit to You that all is not right – in our hearts and in our world. We look to the darkness and not to the light. We look to criticize and not to praise. We look at ourselves and not to You. Turn us around so that we look at the possibility, at hope, at promise, at grace, at healing, at love. (moment of silent confession) This we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and brothers, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

And now we are freed to go out and love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

Text: Traditional liturgical text, revised, the Worshipbook, 1970; Music: Appalachian folk melody

Sing along with Newport Presbyterian Church: <https://youtu.be/o--Fx9zukvQ>



**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-11

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some were saying, ‘It is he.’ Others were saying, ‘No, but it is someone like him.’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ But they kept asking him, ‘Then how were your eyes opened?’ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’

Sermon: “Looking through a Different Lens”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Special Music: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Performed by Sounds Like Reign: <https://youtu.be/oVNktRGU3As>

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

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Sisters and brothers, God’s ancient, steadfast love is not a love that simply waits for us to stop wandering and return home. God’s love comes seeking us, and gives us the gift of Jesus, so that we might have life abundant. Our giving this morning, whether we have been lost and wandering, or secure and safe, expresses our firm conviction that God is with us, no matter what. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of Light, you gave us your only Son so that we may experience eternal life. We humbly give these offerings as a faithful response to this gift. Our offering seems so insignificant when compared to your gift of life. Yet, we place our money and our lives before you as a gift of our gratitude and service. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 530 *One Bread, One Body*

Text and Music: John H. Foley SJ, 1978

Sing along with Chris Brunelle: <https://youtu.be/kyobizQniKg>

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (liturgy is shared on the Zoom recording)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn # 826 *Lift High the Cross*

Text: George William Kitchin, 1887; Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916
Sing along with Geneva Presbyterian Church, <https://youtu.be/rr5B3QUoKS4>

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**(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]**

Charge and Benediction:

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day
and remain with you always. Amen.

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Postlude: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Sung by Ubi Caritas: <https://youtu.be/nivALOYxON8>