

Virtual Worship Service
The Third Sunday of the Easter Season
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
April 18, 2021

Prelude: Easter Prelude for Organ and Brass

<https://youtu.be/b3JBuOzUfPY>

Welcome and Announcements (in PDF Attachment)

***Call to Worship:**

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Christ asks us if we love him.

We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.

Hymn of Praise # 157 *I Danced in the Morning

Text: Sydney Carter, 1963; Music: American Shaker melody, adapted by Sydney Carter

Sing along with First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/sCFQXis4eKc>

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on. Refrain

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die. Refrain

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. Refrain



Artist: Rev. Kathryn M. Schreiber

Call to Confession:

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, responding to people's needs. We can dance with the angels and all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, and voices for praising you forever! (moment of silent confession). In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus calls us to serve because of his love for us. He believes in us and all the gifts we have been given! Do not be afraid. Christ is with us always.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 243 *Be Not Afraid*

Text: Taize Community, 1998; Music: Jacques Berthier, 1998

Sing along with London Fox Taize Choir: https://youtu.be/4jL_vNr91bw

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

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Scripture Reading: John 21:1-18

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;

but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you

used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.”

Sermon: “Breakfast on the Beach” (Zoom link and PDF Attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Special Music: *Were It Not for Grace*

Text and Music: Larnelle Harris

Sung by Larnelle Harris: <https://youtu.be/CeRHyY2I-PU>

***Easter Affirmation of Faith written by Pastor Pete K. Perry:**

We believe in an astounding God, who surprises us on Easter morning, who reveals through an empty tomb how overflowingly full of God the creation is. We believe in God, who is light in the darkness, who never gives up on love, who is always working for our good, who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh, who calls us to be more than we are as God relentlessly transforms our tears into alleluias.

We believe in the Christ, present at and in the creation, heard in the words of prophets, enfleshed in the birth of a long-sought Messiah, alive in the lessons taught to disciples, not stuck in a tomb of despair, nailed to cross, or buried in the past, but living forever, and walking with us on our journeys today, seen in our stories, present in everything we can see, touch, and imagine.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the invisible presence of God, the joy, hope, and peace of possibilities opening all around us all the time. We believe the Spirit calls us to community, to compassion, to welcome, and to acts of mercy and justice, so that the whole world will quiver with wonder and hope.



We are people of faith in the risen Christ, and we see our Christ in everyone and in everything. We strive to live in such a way that the world will see Christ rising again, in us and through us, with the message of Easter. God cannot be contained; Not by books, not by traditions, not by institutions, and not by tombs. God lives. Christ is risen. Alleluia. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 246 *Christ Is Alive!

Text: Brian Wren, 1995; Music: Musica Sacra, c. 1778

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/fD8pxDgTZZU>

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,
and conquer every place and time.**

**Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior, with the Father reigns.**

**In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**

**Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.**



Prayers of the People:

God of the bright and morning star,
God of the rising sun,
God of darkness banished,
we praise and worship you!
For empty tombs: thank you!
For disciples running with good news: thank you!
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: thank you!
We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us.

Help us to grasp resurrection;
to understand its power,
to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil empires,
changing the hatred within us,
moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth.

In this season of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom.

Today we think of all who are grieving, especially...
[name those who are grieving]
and for the sick and dying....
[name those who are ill]
for places in the world that are torn by war and bloodshed...
[name countries at war]

In this world of broken hopes and dreams
we catch sight of your kingdom come,
in the person of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns in us forever
and who taught us to pray: Our Father... Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

As we prepare to offer God the gifts from our lives that reveal our deep gratitude for God's grace, let us reflect on that grace and joyfully give back to God a portion of the blessings we have received.

***Doxology # 606**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695; Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/2kmskQGUILc>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus` name, Amen.

Closing Hymn # 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Text: Anonymous, adapted by Sebastian Temple, 1967; Music: Sebastian Temple, 1963

Sing along with BBC Radio Two Young Choristers of the Year: <https://youtu.be/RNagMjn1zXg>

**Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You**

**Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

**Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy**

**Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

**Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life**

***Charge and Benediction:**

We are people of the Resurrection! We know the powerful love of God! Let us go into God's world proclaiming hope, peace, and joy, in the name of the Risen Lord. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Amen.

Postlude: *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Performed by Keith and Kristen Getty: <https://youtu.be/pib13aveIKU>

