

Virtual Worship Service
The Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
April 25, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Coming to worship Hymn: #469: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Arranged by Kenneth Drake - <https://youtu.be/IUOapzz4Zwk>

CHILDREN PLAYING

(Cantor sings through, then congregation)

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord send your Spirit to this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

***Call to Worship from Psalm 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

The one thing I asked of the Lord; that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Hymn of Praise # 664: *Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Órla Fallon - <https://youtu.be/OJI5ezln1nE>

Morning has broken like the first morning; black bird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Confession:

Let us place ourselves before God and open our minds and our hearts to God's presence, confessing our sins:

All: Good and merciful God, hear our prayer. We confess that we have stood by your apostle Thomas, justifying his doubt. We have also wanted to place our hand in the wound of your resurrected body, seeking proof of your legitimacy. After these thousands of years, the doubt still lingers. But you have trusted us and asked us to trust in return. Strengthen our faith, our hope, and our belief in your power! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon:

We are made whole through God's gift of love through Christ.

With new courage, we receive the gifts of peace and love to continue the journey. For these gifts, thanks be to God!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: John 20:24-30

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Sermon: "The shame of it all"

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Hymn of Response # 817: *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLOP'S CREEK

Jonathan Nesvadba for Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena - <https://youtu.be/BieAXW4zmSU>

**We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**

**We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.**

**And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

Affirmation of Faith:

**Who has come to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.
We believe we are sustained, emboldened, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
This we believe in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.**

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology: # 606: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

The London Philharmonic Choir and the National Philharmonic Orchestra - <https://youtu.be/wVhsCq8fzMI>

**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.**

Closing Hymn 273: *He Is King of Kings*

HE IS KING

Listen to the Westminster Chancel Choir –<https://youtu.be/FocRW2RZlvi>

African American spiritual

**Refrain: He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.
O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.**

**He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him;
and called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him. [Refrain]**

**He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him;
and broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him. [Refrain]**

**I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;
and by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him. [Refrain]**

Announcements and Prayer Requests
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Welcome to Worship this morning as we gather physically and virtually. Please join me in welcoming Rev. Maggie Lauterer as our guest preacher today. As we continue to gather physically for worship, we will meet outside on the church grounds with masks and social distancing. If it is too cold or raining, we will meet in the sanctuary following COVID-19 regulations.

Our Zoom Bible Study continues this week with “Women in the Bible.” The Bible Study meets via Zoom at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, with one week left—April 28. Barbara Ross is leading this study. What a great opportunity to learn about the women who played important roles in the life of the Jewish and early Christian communities and the lessons and inspiration they offer to our own lives.

Pastor Kathy will lead a Bible Study on Moses beginning May 5, from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. We will meet in person in the church’s fellowship hall (following Covid guidelines) using the book Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet, by Adam Hamilton. We will retrace the life of Moses - from his rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, his Exodus out of Egypt, to his gazing on the Promised Land. Combining historical insights, archaeological data, and the biblical text, Hamilton helps us explore how this reluctant prophet grew in his relationship with God. As we examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways, we will have the opportunity to look at our own life of faith and the ways God also continues to shape us and use us in powerful ways. **Please let Pastor Kathy know if you want to participate: (rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com). Books are \$10.00.**

Church grounds clean-up day will be on May 1 from 10 a.m.—12:00 noon. You are needed! We will be planting flowers, pulling weeds, picking up tree limbs, and general cleanup of the grounds. We are also planning to paint the wooden top rail on Jacobs Ladder (painting has been completed). We will need tools for the clean-up (gloves, rakes, trowels, leaf blowers, whatever you think you may need.). **Please contact Gene Hodges for more information (704-995-0855).**

There will also be a clean-up day for the sanctuary kitchen, fellowship hall, and basement on Thursday, May 6, 1-4 p.m. All the heavy-duty cleaning has been done, so we will be putting things back in their place, getting rid of things we are no longer using, moving around tables and chairs, and tidying up. **Please contact Charlotte Davila for more information (davidlac2004@gmail.com).**

CPC’s Women’s Gathering will begin again on Thursday, May 13, at 4 p.m. We will gather in Charlotte Davila’s home (she has plenty of room for us to spread out). CPC’s Men’s Breakfast date and time to be announced.

Our first meal together after worship will be held on Sunday, June 6. We will eat outside. So, you will need to bring your chair. A box lunch will be provided. If you prefer you can bring your own “bag” lunch. More information about ordering/reserving a box lunch will be shared soon. We will have donation baskets to help offset the cost of the meals.

The Knitting Group will begin meeting in the Fellowship Hall in June. More information will be forthcoming.

Volunteer Opportunities: Feeding Avery Families needs volunteers for unloading, packing, and distributing food boxes. Please look on their Facebook page for details on how to sign up. **Reaching Avery Ministry** also needs volunteers to help pack the food boxes that are distributed to those in need. Please call the office: 828-733-5127.

Prayer Requests for Sunday, April 25, 2021

Please keep these people in your prayers.

If you need an address, call the church office (828-733-1939)

Carroll Berkley is struggling with sciatica.

John Carey has health concerns.

Sylvia Gill will be having cataract surgery on May 11.

John Levsay, Trish Winger's brother-in-law is gravely ill. Trish and Allen have gone back to Florida to be with John and Jo, Trish's sister and John's wife.

Jim Harlee had a successful knee replacement and is at home recovering and working with a physical therapist.

Frank Duncan is fighting pneumonia and will return to physical therapy once he has recovered. The Duncans appreciate our prayers and cards!

Beth Gacek's knee surgery is rescheduled for May 3.

Wayne and Jennifer Pinter appreciate all our prayers as Wayne continues to face more surgeries and is undergoing chemotherapy. They continue to have a positive attitude and know that God is with them. Wayne had a nine-hour surgery and continues to recover.

Charlotte Davila's daughter, Jennifer Watts, is learning to live with Sjogren's Syndrome and extreme fatigue.

Marie Cook's cousin, Leigh McDonald Richards, passed away on April 16 after battling advanced squamous cell carcinoma. She was 67 years old. Please keep in your prayers Marie, and John Richards.

Linda Taylor had a heart catheterization, after a slight heart attack, which found no blockage and she is being treated with medicine. She is home and doing well. Please, no calls or texts at this time.

Bill and Laura Lind's daughter-in-law, Erin Lind, had reconstructive surgery for a double mastectomy and is recovering. Erin's mother, Carol, broke her hip recently and is in the hospital. The Linds ask for prayers for Erin and Carol.

Barbara Downing, a member of Pepe' Abrusci's extended family, has breast cancer and is undergoing radiation daily; she will finish her treatments on April 21 and asks for prayers that the treatments have been effective.

Please continue to keep in your prayers: Bill Hassett, Bob Schanzle, Janet Milsaps, Betty Redman France, Janet Wells, David France, Dave and Jenny Kilgore, Leyla Ledford, Boyd Barrier, the Bagby family, Cheryl Kenyon, Joe Jordan, David Ehmgig, Dawn Bates, Erin Lind, Martha Lind, Lindsay Edwards, Connie Vuolo, Barbara Swack, Alvin Marshall, Tasha Reid, and Marta.