

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 6, 2021

Welcome and Announcements (included in PDF Attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 628 *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*
<https://youtu.be/SWuTvpiVEmY> - Anabaptist Community Choir

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Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
This is a day of new beginnings!
This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.
Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship
Let us be prepared for service to God.

Hymn of Praise # 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
<https://youtu.be/PcXil91KJYc> - Krista Stolarski

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Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,

**lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!**

**Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!**

Call to Confession

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to our God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us and still doubt your power, presence and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home (moment of silent confession). In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord seeks us and find us. The Lord brings comfort and peace to us. The Lord produces miracles in our lives that can serve others. The Lord forgives us when we fail and calls us to new life again and again and again.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

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

WAYFARING STRANGER

**You are the Lord, Giver of mercy;
you are the Christ, Giver of mercy;
you are the Lord, Giver of Mercy**

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:1-20

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out

of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’ So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’

Special Music: *On Eagle’s Wings*

Michael Joncas

https://youtu.be/65kMjfuMWyw?list=OLAK5uy_nUn20g1p8DaKkyBp-KJXe6ycsHWXuiQe4- Michael Joncas

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13- 5:5

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Sermon: “Who Influences Us?”

The Rev. Dr. William Sweetser

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings: As God has given our life, our breath, all that we are, all that we have, let us, in gratitude, return a portion of our blessings for God’s work of ministry and mission locally and globally. Let us receive this morning’s offering.

***Doxology # 609**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

God our strength, you give us so very much, and your blessings grow and multiply in our lives. You call us to share your gifts with others, and so we obey. We thank you for the opportunity to give, and we dedicate these offerings to your work in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

BEACH SPRING

<https://youtu.be/ovjOCPwXZ6c> - Westminster Presbyterian Church

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain: By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
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 healing, 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.

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 # 300 We Are One in the Spirit**

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

<https://youtu.be/3EBSHVUTHOU> - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand



And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land [Refrain]

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride [Refrain]

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

***Charge and Benediction:**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
that all might see, and seeing, believe.

Go in peace and serve the Lord! Amen.