



Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 20, 2021

Announcements and Prayer requests (see attached .pdf file)

Choral Call to Worship # 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying text and music
by Ken Medema

<https://youtu.be/4PIM4C5DtIY> - United Presbyterian Church. Of Albany

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord, those who he redeemed from trouble give thanks

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord who gathered us from all of the lands. Who hears our cry. the Lord who defeats giants. The Lord who brought us to our desired haven, from out of the depths.

All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let us praise him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

All: We thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to all creation. His steadfast love endures forever!

***Hymn of Praise # 307 God of Grace, God of Glory**

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https://youtu.be/T_Yf5_gAjkQ - First Presbyterian Church, Statesboro

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Call to Confession:

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers to God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, we come before you in need of a reminder. That you are the creator, and we are the creation. We have too often thought that we were the ones in control. We sought the glory and praise for the wisdom and imagination you bore in us. We have sought justice on our own terms. Hurting, ignoring, and gossiping, instead of trusting in your power and being instruments of your peace here on earth. Forgive us for acting like rebellious children. Guide us, teach us, open our eyes to the example you gave us through your son Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord is like a father to us,
compassionate and merciful,
filled with endless love.
God is not easily angered,
nor does he remain angry forever.
God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
or punish us as harshly as he could.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so strong is God's love toward us.
And as far as the east is from the west,
so far has God removed our sins from us.
So be at peace: you are forgiven through Jesus Christ!
Thanks be to God!

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 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle...And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armored with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.' And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left someone in charge of the sheep, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

Choir Anthem: *Lord, Lead us Day by Day*

arr. by Hal H. Hopson

<https://youtu.be/qBTvJeaCNGc> – Children's Choir, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

Second Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Sermon: "In The Moment"

Rachael McConnell

***Affirmation of Faith:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth
into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable,
undefiled,
and unfading,
kept in heaven for you,
who are being protected by the power of God through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Pet. 1:3-5

Hymn of Meditation # 39 *Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

<https://youtu.be/NT0HcAr9ael> - Carrie Underwood - Great Is Thy Faithfulness featuring. CeCe Winans

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

Prayers of the People

Our faith in your power and your providence, O God, is strengthened today in our reflection on the experience of David in his encounter with the giant Goliath. You remind us that there is nothing in all creation that is more powerful than your Word in all its two-edged glory. By it, Jesus calmed the storm; by it, he healed and made people whole, and by it, we too are sustained from day to day and from minute to minute. Help us, O God, to cling to your Living Word, and to root ourselves in it, that we may be a people who overcome all the trials and tribulations that come upon us.

Lord hear our prayer....

We are reminded today, O God, of how the strong can be defeated by the weak, how the exalted and the mighty can be overcome by those who are humble and lowly, and we thank you for this. We pray, O God, for all those today who are afflicted, we pray for those who must contend with forces greater than themselves; grant them faith and in faith, grant them courage; act for them, and in them, to bring about their deliverance.

Lord hear our prayer....

We pray today, O God for all those who live in fear and insecurity, for those who need encouragement and healing, for those who need our help and the help of their neighbors and their communities, if they are to know life in its fullness.

Lord, hear our prayer...

We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord saying together the prayer he taught us: Our Father....

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

***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:** Generous God, accept our gifts of thanksgiving for what you have given to us in kindness and in grace. We acknowledge that all creation belongs to you and that we are your stewards. Guide us to be responsible with the world's abundance so that we live justly and generously, modeling our lives on the life of your Son Jesus Christ. Bless these gifts so that they may further the work of your church to bring abundant life to all. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

<https://youtu.be/NNIZcw4cfYY> - The Lorenz Corporation, arr. by David Kidwell

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***Charge and Benediction**

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you,
assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and
emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you. Amen.