



*Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost, July 4, 2021*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*Crossnore, NC*

Prelude: *You Are My Hiding Place*

sung by Selah: <https://youtu.be/xHr7Dy6sTqc>

Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship: *God Bless America*

sung by Celine Dion: <https://youtu.be/syOEI9y7miM>

**Call to Worship:**

Praise be to God the Creator,  
**who breathes life into being.**

Praise be to God the Redeemer,  
**who saves us from ourselves.**

Praise be to God the Sustainer,  
**who binds us together as one body.**

Come, children of the Triune God,  
come worship our wild and wonderful Maker.

Hymn of Praise # 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

sing along with the Hillsdale College Choir: <https://youtu.be/EmP9LvHgcaA>

**Call to Confession:**

New every day is God's love for us, and so new every day is our opportunity to come to the Creator who loves us with the truth of our lives. Trusting in God, in God's grace and mercy, in God's desire for wholeness and healing, let us confess our sins to God and to each other.

**Litany of Confession:**

Holy One of Nazareth,

We see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life,  
**Yet we still struggle to trust you.**

You send us out,

**But we want to stay home.**

You provide partners for the journey,

**But we want to go it alone.**

You give us authority over evil,

**But we don't know how to use it.**

You say we need only the clothes on our back and a staff in our hand,

**But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools and toys.**

**We make sure our phones are charged and our GPS is on.**

You tell us to accept hospitality,

**But we don't like to put people out.**

You say that if people are unkind,

we should simply shake the dust off of our feet,

**But we would rather get mad and post about it on Facebook.**

We have much to learn from you, Jesus,  
about traveling gracefully through this life.

***Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper trust.***

(moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him. Thanks be to God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response to God’s Grace and Mercy # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation***

**NETTLETON**

sing along with Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, California: <https://youtu.be/YuRSmUa0iz4>

**First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-7**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

**Choir Anthem: *Hymn of Joyful Praise***

**words by Folliot Pierpoint, music by Joel Raney**

<https://youtu.be/N1lgkKyDH8>

**Second Lesson: Mark 6:1-13**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**Sermon: “Traveling Light” (PDF attached)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

**As we present our offerings to God this day, remember the blessings God has showered upon you in this past week and share your gratitude by generously offering to God your life, your talents, your time, your treasures for the furthering the ministry and mission of Christ.**

**Offertory: *Pray for Peace***

Sung by Reba McEntire: <https://youtu.be/YHbv4M8d3As>

**Doxology # 606**

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. Amen.

Sing along with the Vagle Brothers: <https://youtu.be/HqpXWF15avU>

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

As we have heard, so we have seen God's compassion in our lives. As we have seen, so we will live, offering our gifts to God, so others might know God's steadfast love is present with them in every moment. Amen.

**Hymn of Meditation # 515 *I Come with Joy***

DOVE OF PEACE

Sing along with First Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/rVGjrMgiH5U>

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

(take a moment to prepare a piece of bread and a cup of wine or juice for your communion elements)

**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.

According to Luke,  
When the risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took the bread and blessed it and broke it,  
and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened  
and they recognized him.

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.*

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup  
and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord.  
Receive our sacrifice of praise.

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.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory 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**

As you share the bread with one another or with yourself say,  
"The Body of Christ given for you (for me)."

As you share the cup with one another or with yourself, 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 # 683 *Lord of All Hopefulness***

Sing along with: [https://youtu.be/9-D\\_aT8CXyc](https://youtu.be/9-D_aT8CXyc)

**COURTNEY**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Paradise shimmers in our midst; the highest heaven lies hidden all around us.  
Go, and you will discover God; and where you discover God most utterly,  
you shall know yourself most fully, and love your neighbor most perfectly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and forevermore. Amen.