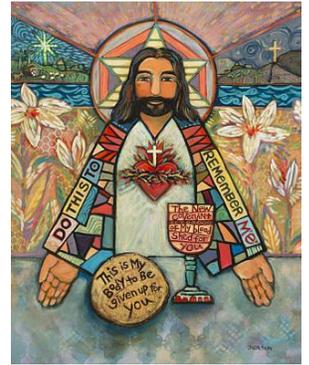


*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost, July 18, 2021  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church  
Crossnore, NC 28616*



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship: *As the Deer*

<https://youtu.be/tv0eu-xbU0> - Gracias Choir

AS THE DEER

As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee

You're my Friend and You are my Brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything

You alone are my Strength, my Shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

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Call to Worship:

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.**

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**of the worry, stress or anxiety that has filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.**

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

**of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.**

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

**the gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.**

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

**the gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.**

As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

**Jesus Christ is among us today. Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise # 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

<https://youtu.be/IUBMAi4jA1E> - First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

**For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]**

**Call to Confession:**

When we try to sugarcoat what we have done, scripture stares us down, reminding us of our faults. When we seek to romanticize why we have failed to live as faithful people, God refuses to go along, waiting for us to confess our sins. Let us join together as God's children, lifting our prayers to the One who is generous in love.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Compassionate God, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and satisfying our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces.**

**Forgive us, God of love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (moment of silent confession). In the name of the Bread of Life, in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us. This is the good news: God loves us.

**God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

<https://youtu.be/y6KXRJ5AxQE> - Tustin Presbyterian Church

**Hear the good news of salvation:**

**Jesus died to show God's love.**

**Such great kindness! Such great mercy!**

**Come to us from heaven above.**

**(Chorus) Jesus Christ, how much I love you!**

**Jesus Christ, you save from sin!**

**How I love you! Look upon me.**

**Love me still and cleanse within.**

**All the sins I have committed.**

**To my savior now I bring.**

**I bow down with tears of anguish;**

**Christ forgives and now I sing: (Chorus)**

**First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15**

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your

complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’ And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.” ’ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.” ’

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

### **Special Music – Consider the Lilies of the Field**

Sung by ELENYI with harpist, Emily Brown: <https://youtu.be/F-b3bybTDSQ>

### **Second Lesson: John 6:24-35**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**Sermon: “What Really Feeds Us?” (PDF attached)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed, page 35 in the *Glory to God Hymnal***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;**

**the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of Meditation # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

<https://youtu.be/uKHegDCfMm> - Jeff Hairrell of First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

**RESIGNATION**

**My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

**Prayers of the People:**

You are a God who leads us, who makes a way when there is no way.  
We give you thanks, O Lord, for you are stronger than every foe.  
We give you thanks, for your creative Spirit is always at work, making all things new.  
We give you thanks, for there is no place we can go beyond the reach of your love.  
And so we are bold to lift our voices to you, to admit our need.

We pray this day for your Church, in this community, in this nation, and in the world.  
We ask your blessing on your Body, that we may in turn be a blessing to others.  
We ask your guidance, strong and sure, for we are not certain of the way forward.  
We pray for the gift of discernment, and the courage to follow, even when we are afraid.  
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear...and feet ready to follow...and hands ready to serve.  
Take from us any thought that does not glorify you, and lead us on your way.

We pray this day for the nations of this world, and for our leaders,  
that they too may have the gifts of discernment and courage.  
Give them wisdom to seek the good of all, not only some.  
Give them compassion, and imagination, and love.

We pray this day for your people near and far who live each day with fear.  
Whether they fear someone in their home, or violence in the streets, or the government, or themselves...  
bring peace, O God.  
Bring peace to those in the midst of war, and to those whose greatest enemy is within.  
And bring us together, to be creators of justice and peace for all your creation.

We pray this day for those who are ill, in body, mind, or spirit.  
May your healing presence surround and fill them, may your comfort enfold them.  
Guide the hands and minds of doctors and nurses and all who care for others,  
that they may understand and so treat people toward wholeness.

We pray this day for all those who find the news too much to bear—  
people living with stories they have not been able to tell, with hearts burdened by trauma,  
with lives upended by choices made by others.

Shield their hearts, O God.

Give them hope, and help, and a listening ear.

Give us courage to hold their stories, their feelings, and their prayers,  
to be a friend to those who feel alone.

You are a God who makes a way when there is no way,  
who creates paths in the desert and through the storm.

You carry our burdens and lift our spirits, that we may bravely walk this earthly way.

Lead and guide us to go forward into your future, with faith, hope, and love.

We pray these and all things in the name of the One who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, Our Father...Amen.

### **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Doxology # 606**

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

<https://youtu.be/RBz7vuJ2b1A> - Heidi Nadine

**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:**

**Eternal God, you call us to join in your work of love in the world, and you equip us with all we need to follow your lead. Now make us generous of hand, heart, and mind, as you are. As we return to you a portion of your gifts, we pray you would receive them as a sign of our gratitude for your unending love, and guide us as we offer our whole selves in your service, seeking your abundant life for all. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn # 840 *It Is Well With My Soul***

**VILLE DU HAVRE**

<https://youtu.be/VmvmE6erj6I> - TheHymnClub

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain:**

**It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]**

**He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.**

**My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.**

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]**

**Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]**

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God;

the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,

and the power of the Holy Spirit,

go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.

God's peace will always be with you. Amen.