

*Service of Worship for the Lord's Day*  
*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 25, 2021*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*Crossnore, NC*



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

**Choral Call to Worship # 18 *In Christ Alone***

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

<https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE> - sing along with Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied –  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine –  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**Call to Worship:**

In the east and west, the north and south

**God creates beauty and life.**

From all corners of the globe

**God calls us to love and to live and to follow.**

In our homes and our hearts, in this church and in the world

**we sing and serve, we hope and we pray.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn of Praise # 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

<https://youtu.be/l7J9uVwKYVI> - sing along with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
all in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

All apostles join the strain  
as your sacred name they hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the blessed martyrs follow,  
and from morn to set of sun,  
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit: three we name you,  
while in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you,  
and adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.

**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 make our confession to God and each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world (moment of silent confession). We pray in his name. **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

<https://youtu.be/y6KXRJ5AxQE> - Sing along with 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: Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Special Music: *Love Is All***

<https://youtu.be/q4T37EaW4eU>

**Song Around The World, Playing for Change**

**Second Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**Sermon: "The Heart of the Matter" (PDF attached)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen."

**Hymn of Meditation # 463 *How Firm a Foundation***

Sing along with the Carnival Band Choir: <https://youtu.be/ShWv9Rwc0F4>

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**Prayers of the People:**

O God, we praise you this day for your graciousness to us.

You have not left us without a road map for life

but have provided us with signposts for our religious journey.

Continue to be our guide on our way.

Lead us to a Christian life which is characterized by authenticity.

Lead us in those times when there is a disconnect in our lives between what we profess and how we live,  
those times when we are hearers of the word but not doers.

Lead us in those times when we are quick to cut people off and refuse to hear them.

Lead us in those times when we have not carefully weighed what to say  
but jump to quick and erroneous conclusions and blurt out a hasty and unkind response.  
Lead us in those times when we are quick to anger  
and unaware of the hurt which often lies behind our anger,  
thus making difficult the possibility of reconciliation.  
Lead us in those times when the walk we walk does not correlate with the talk we talk.

Help us to be doers of the word and not hearers only.  
Help us to hear the cries of the needy.  
Help us to be peacemakers in a world which is so characterized by and so familiar with division and hate.  
Help us to be hopeful people wherever we find despair.  
Help us to take seriously our mission to the sick, the hungry, the lonely, the desperate,  
and all those places here and across the world  
where you still call to us through the cries of your children.  
Help us to be faithful, O God, in the name Christ, who taught us to pray: Our Father... Amen.

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

This morning as you share your financial offering, take a moment to dedicate your life to God's work in the coming week and look for the ways God is calling you to love your neighbor as yourself. Let us receive this morning's offering.

### **Doxology # 606**

OLD HUNDRETH

<https://youtu.be/RBz7vuJ2b1A> - sing along with 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:**

**Mighty and all-knowing God who sees us as we are and as we might be: What offering can we give that will bring you joy? We have brought gifts this morning that you might dedicate them to the work of caring and compassion in our neighborhoods, in our nations, and throughout the world. Yet all the money we have can't accomplish what you can make happen if we simply let Christ dwell in our hearts – not for an hour on Sundays but every hour of every day. This is the offering we dedicate this day. In Christ, our redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn # 697 *Take My Life and Let It Be***

HENDON

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/FN3OaZJaNEE>

**Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;**

**take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.**

**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.

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