

*Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 1, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Crossnore, NC*

Prelude: *Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus*

arr. by Mark Hayes

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You Lord*

I LOVE YOU, LORD

<https://youtu.be/8hyBJwTKmQ8> - Maranatha! Music

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

***Call to Worship:**

The voice of God gathers us this day;
the warmth of God brings us together as one people.
So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,
with acts mighty and faltering,
With kindness and with selfishness,
with doubt and with faith:
So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.
May we worship well this day.

Hymn of Praise # 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

<https://youtu.be/J-8R-QzC2xY> - Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir

**Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.**

**Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.**

Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

Call to Confession:

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us (moment of silent confession). This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

https://youtu.be/C_YM_hYzcPo - Keith Green

**There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Holy one**

**Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain.**

**[Chorus] Thank you oh my father
For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit
'Til the work on earth is done.**

**When I stand in glory
I will see his face
And there I'll serve my king forever
In that holy place.**

[Chorus]

**There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Holy one**

[Chorus]

First Lesson: Matthew 18:1-5, 21-22

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Choral Anthem: *O God Beyond All Praising*

<https://youtu.be/4V-AQbKyg48> - Villanova Pastoral Musicians

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Sermon: "Olympic Discipline"

Rev. Billy Robinson

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Offertory: *Lamb of God*

arr. by Mark Hayes

***Doxology #608**

PRAISE GOD

<https://youtu.be/BKcni5ilJI> - Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore**

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

<https://youtu.be/EAT1zqbdO1o> - Orchards United Methodist Church, Vancouver, WA

**Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.**

**This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music – A Communion Hymn

arr. by Lani Smith

Closing Hymn # 767 *Together We Serve

<https://youtu.be/bhBQugzOz3c> - Jared Aragón, piano, and Nicky Manlove, tenor

SAN ANSELMO

**Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Go Forth with a Song

by Steven Scott