

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Sunday, August 15, 2021*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*Crossnore, NC*



The Lamp of Wisdom

**Prelude: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

<https://youtu.be/28lBrSsPsD4>

**Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)**

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

Sing along with Marantha Music: <https://youtu.be/8hyBJwTKmQ8>

**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:**

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good –

**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship God today –

**Because we are God's people.**

Let us worship God.

**Hymn of Praise # 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

FAITHFULNESS

Sing along with Carrie Underwood and CeCe Winans: <https://youtu.be/NT0HcAr9ael>

**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.**

**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)**

**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!**

**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)**

**Call to Confession:**

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession before God and each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world. Have mercy, God of the Covenant, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes and unwise choices, God is able to weave a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing.

**God has sent redemption for all, God has fed us with the healing bread of life. At all times, and for every grace, we give thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

GREEN

Sing along with Keith [https://youtu.be/C\\_YM\\_hYzcPo](https://youtu.be/C_YM_hYzcPo)

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Refrain:**

**Thank you, oh my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names,  
precious lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
(Refrain)**

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.  
(Refrain)**

**First Lesson: Psalm 111**

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

**Special Music: *All Things Bright and Beautiful***

ROYAL OAK

<https://youtu.be/iZNt4avXVcl> - sung by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

## **Second Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
'You that are simple, turn in here!'  
To those without sense she says,  
'Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.'

**Sermon: "The Gift of Wisdom" (PDF attached)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

## **Affirmation of Faith: 1 Corinthians 1:15-20**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;  
all things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

## **Hymn of Meditation # 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Sing along with the Dragon School of Oxford: <https://youtu.be/2svZhZT6Pro>

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

### **Refrain:**

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy. (Refrain)**

**Make me a channel of your peace.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Refrain)**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of bright truth,

How good it is to be here this morning, entering as one into the life of the Spirit, surrounded by community, and nourished in our faith. When we are here, together physically and spiritually, we know that we are not alone in our journey, but that we belong to one another, and we belong to God. Thank you, God, for this fellowship of believers and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Each person here this morning is precious, and we thank you for their presence with us.

We thank you, God, for your Holy Spirit who teaches us, guides us, and grants us wisdom and faith. We thank you for your gift of wisdom, which helps us to see with God's eyes and to love with God's heart. You have sent us holy wisdom to guide us and instruct us, and above all to teach us how to nourish and cherish the holy and divine life that lives deep down in all creatures and all things.

Loving God, each and every one of us here this morning needs more of your wisdom. Lord, help us to slow down and listen when wisdom calls to us. Help us to have sensitive hearts and a teachable spirit. There is no one who is wise until we are enlightened by your Holy Spirit. So come, Holy Spirit, and make us children of the truth.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our church family. Teach us how to better serve one another and the world.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our streets and apartment buildings and neighborhoods. Teach us to seek your truth and embody your compassion with all we meet.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom in our treatment of your earth. Teach us to be better caretakers of our planet and its beautiful animals and plants.

Loving God, we pray for your wisdom for our world. Lord, teach us compassion and understanding, so that all of your children may share this world in peace.

We pray for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and those in our hearts. Loving God, touch them with your tender care, reassuring them of your presence, and speeding their journeys to wholeness and wellness.

God, your love is true and bright, and guides us on our way. May we go forth from here with new wisdom, new joy, and a new hope. Give us this week the grace of your presence and your love, to carry us through our days until we meet again in this fellowship. We pray in the name of Christ, who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

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

**Doxology # 608**

**PRAISE GOD (Hopson)**

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC: <https://youtu.be/BKcnin5iJJI>

**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:**

**Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving**

– and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. (inspired by Ephesians 4:1-16)

**Closing Hymn # 838 *Standing on the Promises***

PROMISES

Sing along with ONE VOICE CHOIR GHANA: [https://youtu.be/CHqGdIn\\_8oE](https://youtu.be/CHqGdIn_8oE)

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain:**

Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

**\*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.

**\*Postlude: *He Leadeth Me***

<https://youtu.be/U0M-pNVowro>

arr. by Donald Marsh