

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Crossnore Presbyterian Church

Crossnore, NC

Music. That thing which engages us, inspires us, connects us, empowers us, soothes us, and fills our spirits to the very brim, music lies within us and surrounds us in our everyday culture. The songs of the earth echo in our souls—we carry them in our hearts. In this way, music becomes a part of us. It's a form of expression, a language that knows no bounds. When words fail, music speaks. We cannot keep silent. So, we sing. We sing about faith and love and experiences. We sing about spring and the change in seasons. We sing about singing. How can we not?



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship: *Hallelujah*

Written by Archie Jordan and Chris Christian

Sung by B.J. Thomas: <https://youtu.be/olmV7CrLPtU>

Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise # 625 *O Lord My God*

Sing along with Carrie Underwood: https://youtu.be/Yf6COL_7-CA

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.**

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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.**

**Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)**

Call to Confession:

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us confess our sins to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair,
and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch,
and know the peace that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
in this precious moment,
your presence and power grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives are made whole
(moment of silent confession). Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Thanks be to God!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 649 *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Sing along with Judy Collins and the Global Virtual Choir: <https://youtu.be/Oav8CkGpcwA>

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Special Music: *Free at Last*

Written by Roger Miller

Sung by First Congregational Church, Los Angeles: https://youtu.be/wv8QX_iu4A

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Special Music: *Reach Out to Jesus*

Written by Ralph Carmichael

Sung by Elvis Presley: <https://youtu.be/tHKRJo0qPPw>

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Special Music: *His Eye is On the Sparrow*

Sung by Her Heart Sings: <https://youtu.be/MPI7WbPyoM8>

Prayers of the People:

Thank you for the music all around us.
Each morning we hear it from the moment we open our ears;
the low notes of wind around the eaves,
the whoosh of water as it comes from the tap,
the throaty whistle of the boiling kettle,
the metallic tap of the spoon against the cup,

the jazz percussion of our feet on the steps.
The sounds of our day,
so familiar we hardly pay attention.
Thank you for the ability to hear.
Thank you for the sounds of life:
the chatter of the squirrel,
the deep purr of a cat,
the sharp calls of a blue jay,
the sound of someone we love laughing.

Give us wisdom to enter this week with good sounds,
tones and pitches and words that affirm, encourage, cherish,
our sounds affecting the world in a positive way.

We pray for all who sing a sad song today;
the grieving, the lonely, the lost.
We pray especially for those who have lost their voice
and feel silenced or oppressed.

There are many singing freedom songs around our world,
and so today we pray for the safety of those brave enough to join the chorus.
Give their song the strength to convince and convert,
the power to be peacemakers in the midst of conflict.

Thank you for your love songs, which we are invited to sing.
You are the Great Composer.
We long to be composed each day in your image,
singing your elegant score truly, clearly,
following your rhythm by heart,
finding our voice in your beautiful world,
hearing you in the music of life.
This is our prayer offered in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord.

Special Music: *Standing on the Promises*

Sung by Alan Jackson: <https://youtu.be/7YQXiQfEjqs>

***Doxology # 608**

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC: <https://youtu.be/BKcni5iIJ>

PRAISE GOD

**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:**

God of great wonders, we join with you in the joy of giving. You give us life and breath, you fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, our voices with song, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in your service. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Sing along with Mississippi College Singers: <https://youtu.be/j9XUSIzeRQ8>

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,
doth 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.

***Charge and Benediction:**

“Rekindle the Gift” (Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

You have a treasure in you,
a seed of glory planted from stars,
a song written for only you to sing.
You have gifts to give.
The treasure is buried,
and it may take some digging to recover.
The song is forgotten, but still hidden in your bones.
Nothing that happens to you can remove it,
no fear or shame destroy it,
no failure ruin it. It is who you are.
Rekindle the gift.
Listen for the quiet voice, the Spirit of Life singing in you.
Listen... and sing.

Tune your life to its melody.
Let it sing in you, let it sing you into life.
Rekindle the gift that is God within you.
Give God this joy— for it is God who is singing.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you and with God's beautiful and broken world. Amen.