

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 29, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Crossnore, NC



Announcements and Prayer Requests (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Sung by Celtic Worship: <https://youtu.be/XKOoeTbjSel>

**Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above**

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***Call to Worship:**

How precious, how fragile, how short is life!

Our lives are but a breath.

The Divine brings us into being,

weaves our lives together,

and ushers us into eternal rest.

Blessed are the sacred rhythms of life

and holy are these tasks:

to be alive, to pay attention,

to honor the fleeting with awe and care.

Let us worship God with our complete devotion.

Choral Call to Worship # 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*
<https://youtu.be/rPQ7t8TcY5k> - First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Confession:

Sometimes we fear that when we confess all that is wrong, we will be exposed and condemned. Our hope in Christ tells us a different thing, that when we confess, we open the way to mercy and forgiveness. Trusting in that hope, let us make our confession before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**We are so scattered, O God: We flit from cause to cause;
we are easily distracted by the next important thing;
we think about and tomorrow yesterday but not today.
Help us to be mindful of the grace and beauty that surround us right now.
Help us commit to the need that is before us right now.
Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,
as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.
(moment of silent confession)
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer*
Sing along with Keith Green: https://youtu.be/C_YM_hYzcPo

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: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

For 'those who desire life
and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.'

Special Music: *You Raise Me Up*

composed by Josh Groban

Sung by Peter Hollens and 200 Kids Sing A Cappella Style: https://youtu.be/13_nXuJ6dX8

Second Lesson: Exodus 3:1-17

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

Sermon: "The Spiritual Discipline of Paying Attention" (PDF attached)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith:

**We are God's work of art—
each one of us a precious gem, a marvelous melody, a potter's delight.**

**We are God's handiwork—
woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion,
painted with incredible beauty.**

**We are the church of Jesus Christ—
diverse in human qualities, but united in our call to love God
with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We are the Body of Christ—
living in his truth, sharing his peace, carrying his hope, embodying his love,
throughout the world Christ loves so much.**

We are here to be reminded once more who we are,
whose we are, and what our lives are about.
We are here to be uplifted, renewed and empowered
to live out the miracle of who we are.
By the power of the Holy Spirit working in and among us,
We open ourselves to God, who makes all things new.
(written by Rev. David Inglis and adapted)

Hymn of Meditation # 69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*
Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/K6fYAiQV-Bs>

HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord, of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayers of the People:

Heavenly Father in whose love we live and move,
we pray for a world crying out to feel loved,
wanted, cherished and unique.

Heavenly Father, source of all love

we pray for a world torn apart by conflict and war.
A world that lives uneasily in a climate of fear
with no clear vision for future days

Heavenly Father, source of all hope

we pray for a world that thinks less of others than of self.
A world where division between nations, race, religion
neighbor and family leads to distrust

Heavenly Father, source of all peace

we pray for a world that is short on happiness,
too busy to enjoy this world you have created,
too preoccupied with living to appreciate life.

Heavenly Father, source of all joy

we pray for a world where spiritual longing is satisfied
by fashionable notions and temporary solutions
with no thought for tomorrow.

Heavenly Father, source of our salvation

we pray for a world that needs to know your love, your hope,
your peace, your joy and salvation.

A world that needs to know it is special, unique
and is uniquely loved by a Heavenly Father. **Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology 608

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC: <https://youtu.be/BKcnin5iJJl>

**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.**

Closing Hymn # 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

Sing along with Celtic Worship: <https://youtu.be/XiukM6WHQEQ>

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art**

**Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power**

**High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all**

***Charge and Benediction:**

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.