

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 5, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Crossnore, NC



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 175 *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

VGK Sarepta Children's Choir from South Africa – <https://youtu.be/4FuurRAJkZY>

**Seek ye First the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia**

**You shall not live by bread alone but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Alleluia.**

***Call to Worship:**

Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**He is the one who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.**

He is the one who keeps every promise forever,
who gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath their loads.

The Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

**Happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Hymn of Praise # 612 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, California - <https://youtu.be/NmvelKctclk>

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.**

**Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Call to Confession:

God is merciful and slow to anger. Let us confess what is broken in our lives and ask God to forgive us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Your word reminds us that we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**But we make far too many distinctions,
treating one person with more dignity and respect than another.**

**We gladly welcome those who look and act like us,
but give a much less enthusiastic welcome to the stranger.**

**Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty,
for the times that our works have not matched our words.**

**Help us lean ever more towards your goodness
and help our lives reflect that goodness in concrete ways
(moment of silent confession). Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

The Psalmist reminds us:

Happy are those whose help is in God, whose hope is in the Lord.

Friends, God has heard our cry and has forgiven us our sins.

Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 59 *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The NCrew - <https://youtu.be/fymAKNjfgs0>

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is thy faithfulness, O Lord; great is thy faithfulness.**

Welcoming our New Members: Don and Dotty Huston

First Lesson: James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

Special Music: *The Lord's Prayer*

Charlotte Church (live from Jerusalem): <https://youtu.be/HzTHDZh35Vs>

Second Lesson: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir,

even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Sermon: "The Expanding Gospel" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology 606**

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

The London Philharmonic Choir - <https://youtu.be/wVhsCq8fzMI>

**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. Amen.**

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

God of all good gifts, you have provided all that we need for full lives. As we bring gifts to you this day, remind us that only deeper faith will bring peace, and good works—caring for others through generous giving—will help us know the joy of full lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, who gave all out of love for all your children. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 530 *One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Church of Saint Michael - Stillwater, MN - <https://youtu.be/yIWklw6HXmw>

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. (Refrain)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As you prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper,

place a loaf of bread (or a slice) on a plate and fill a cup with juice or wine.

These are the elements that will be blessed as Christ invites us to share in the joyful feast.

It is Christ who invites us to the table, Christ who feeds us,

and Christ who calls us to share his body with others in ways that are healing, helpful, and hopeful.

Invitation:

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share in the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us.
Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples
until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God,
through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

On the night that he was betrayed,
Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pass the bread to the person next to you and say,

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Pass the cup to the person next to you and say,

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Prayer after Communion:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit to be the Body of Christ
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach California - <https://youtu.be/CPWTuJ6uKTg>

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.**

***Charge and Benediction:**

Go forth to love one another.
Be rich in faith and serve one another in all joy and humility.
And may the power of God our Creator,
Christ our Salvation,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with us now and forever. Amen.