

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, September 12, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Crossnore, NC



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attached)

Choral Call to Worship # 175 *Seek You First*

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

LAFFERTY

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:

A love that never ceases,

A creativity that designed the universe,

A hope that cannot be quenched,

A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

These are the things that are of God,

Let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Hymn of Praise # 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

Lifeway Contemporary - <https://youtu.be/8c8IVEJFqSA>

**Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou Incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

Call to Confession:

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us confess our sins.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Just like Peter, Lord, we want to get all "legalistic" about forgiveness. We want to know if one time to forgive someone is sufficient. We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we have a tendency to follow the adage, "Once burned, twice shy." Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which you have offered, time and time again, your forgiving love to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness (moment of silent confession). For we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

In the name of Jesus Christ, each one of us has received healing mercies. We are now given opportunities to offer forgiveness and redemption to one another. **May the peace of Jesus Christ be with us all. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 447 We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

<https://youtu.be/0cVjhVf8h1c>

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Welcoming our New Members: Gayle Culbreath, David and Jenny Kilgore, and Daryl Storm

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Special Music: *Blessed Assurance*

Sounds Like Reign: <https://youtu.be/flvXXJqB7Q0>

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. [Refrain]**

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-33

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. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment

to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

Sermon: "The Gift of Forgiveness"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith (PC USA):

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,**

**even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

First Presbyterian Church, San Pedro - <https://youtu.be/Fnp-xQ7nJ9g>

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]**

Prayers of the People:

Holy God, our Creator, you are the wellspring of life. We turn to you now with all the prayers of our lives. We need you. We need your healing power. We need your steadfastness, your strength, and your hope. You have been faithful to us, O God, throughout all time.

And so we call out to you today, asking you, inviting you, beseeching you, to intercede into our world and our lives. Be with us and guide us to live in such a way that we reflect your will and your dreams for our world.

You are the living water, the wellspring of life. Pour out your comfort upon us, God. Pour out your strength upon us. Pour out your healing power upon us.

So many of us are tired, God, fatigued by so many things. We are exhausted by the injustice and violence; uncertain about our own lives, wondering how to live with hope and love and truth; concerned about our loved ones and our neighbors. Bring your grace and healing to all who suffer this day in body, mind, or spirit.

Help us, too, O God, to be your hands and feet in this world, extending generosity, attention, kindness, and committed action to share your love and justice with all your people.

Do not let us avoid the duty to which you call us, God—to reach across barriers, to serve each other, to build communities of respect, to trust in your sufficiency, to share the grace that we have been given.

Living God, pour out your Spirit, until the earth is filled with justice and love. We pray through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior, who teaches us to pray, saying, Our Father . . . Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

This is the time in our worship that we remember the blessings God has showered upon us and return a portion of those blessings to God to be used for Christ's ministry and mission. Let us receive this morning's offering.

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 his above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

Gracious God, use this money and all that we have for the building up of your work in this church and the wider world, for your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 729 *Lord, I Want to be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

California Baptist University Choir - <https://youtu.be/hYfTDJDdGyY>

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***Charge and Benediction:**

Go from here as witnesses of what you have seen and heard.
Share God's love with those you meet.
Bring hope to those who are in despair.
Live lives of gratitude and praise.

And may the love of God, the peace of Jesus Christ,
and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit
be within you and around you.

Go, proclaiming the name of the Father, of the Risen Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace, and be the church.

Postlude: *Amazing Grace

Sung by Acappella Company: https://youtu.be/YPBRvE2T_DM

I had to include one more from the Acappella Company...couldn't resist:

For the Lost: https://youtu.be/wsr_JBKr2pE