

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Sunday, September 26, 2021*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church, Crossnore, NC*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude**

**Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ashlyn DeWitt**

**Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

**Choral Call to Worship # 175 *Seek You 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:**

To know the warmth of love,

**To have the assurance that someone cares,**

To be confident of our worth,

**To be bold to love in return,**

To be washed over with grace,

**To be accepted as we are:**

This is to know a bit of God.

**Then let us worship our God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska - <https://youtu.be/dkaTh6JAMP4>

**Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The name of God is wild and free, a-whirl in holy mystery.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Call to Confession:**

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession together before God.

### Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and changed. Amen.**

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

WE ARE FORGIVEN

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City - <https://youtu.be/0cVjhVf8h1c>

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

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### First Lesson: Psalm 84

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord Almighty!

<sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,  
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

<sup>6</sup> As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength,  
till each appears before God in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;  
listen to me, God of Jacob.

<sup>9</sup> Look on our shield,<sup>[e]</sup> O God;  
look with favor on your anointed one.

<sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my  
God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor;

no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.

<sup>12</sup> Lord Almighty,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

### Special Music

#### Second Lesson: John 6:56-69

<sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup> He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

<sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> and life. <sup>64</sup> Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

<sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup> "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Sermon: "Who Can Accept It?"

Rev. Joseph Bennett

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed (printed in bulletin)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the  
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 300 *We Are One in the Spirit***

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

St. Teresa's Folk Group - <https://youtu.be/nJ2hQtmC0d0>

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love by our love

Yes they'll know we are Christians

By our love

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

We will walk with each other

We will walk hand in hand

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land (Chorus)

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

We will work with each other

We will work side by side

And we'll guard each one's dignity

And save each one's pride (Chorus)

All praise to the Father

From whom all things come

And all praise to

Christ Jesus His only Son

And all praise to

The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)

**Prayers of the People ending with the Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

With generous and joyful hearts, let us return to God a portion of the blessings God has showered upon us.

Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology # 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen

**\*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 # 700 *I'm Gonna Live***

I'M GONNA LIVE

First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama - <https://youtu.be/x5BEDV3TKRc>

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**