

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 10, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
Crossnore, NC



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING
Sing along with Ken Medema: <https://youtu.be/BK3KJTyUqX0>

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

***Call to Worship**

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise,
who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

Hymn of Praise #396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

<https://youtu.be/908pFkykb84> - Hal Leonard and Shawnee Press Church Choral

HOLY MANNA

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling sinners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.**

Call to Confession:

Let us willingly embrace that which we believe is true - we can come to the seat of grace, bringing our prayers of confession to the One who is filled to overflowing with mercy and hope. Join me as we pray together:

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus. We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # #585 *Glory to God*
Kuyper College Choir Concert - <https://youtu.be/M7GSnQhtbls>

MACHU-PICHU

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Special Music: *Amazing Grace* sung by Andrea Bocelli and Alison Krauss

<https://youtu.be/60euxXvw5a>

Second Lesson: Mark 10:17-27

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Sermon: “The Heart of the Matter” (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

***Affirmation of Faith: A 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 true God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn of Meditation # #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

<https://youtu.be/vl41t68c53Y>

Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA

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.

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 wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and 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.

Prayers of the People:

My God, my God, come close to your people!
You come to us to rescue us from powers that are too great for us.
Come to the help of all who face trouble or danger today.
O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

O Lord, you bind us together as brothers and sisters, beloved in Christ.
Fill our hearts, our lives, and our voices with your praise,
and make us bold to proclaim your name to all people.
O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

O Lord, we lift up those who are close to us and all your children who face trouble,
especially those who are sick, sorrowing, or confused.
Send forth your healing and restoring love.
O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

O Lord, we pray for those who are poor, hungry, or homeless,
who are closer to us than many of us realize.

Open our hands to share what we have,
and open our hearts to share in relationship.

O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

O Lord, we pray for all who are entrusted with power
over nations, corporations, and the powers of the world,
that their decisions might honor you and seek the welfare of all people.

O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

O Lord, we pray for all the generations:
with thanksgiving for those who have gone before us and enjoy your eternal rest;
and with hope for those who will follow us, to whom we must still proclaim your salvation.
Keep your church faithful in every age.

O Lord our help,
come quickly to our aid!

Keep us faithful to you, O Lord,
and teach us to serve you,
as we pray together with Jesus, saying:

Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings: God calls us to give our time, our talents, our resources to further the love of Christ to those who are in need spiritually and physically. What will you offer to God this week?

***Doxology #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

<https://youtu.be/Pt8vqxGZp-0> - Newport Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, WA

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

When we look in the mirror, may we see our sisters and brothers in need - the lonely, the hungry, the searching, the aching. And as we see them, we pray that these gifts we offer may be used to bring them food, hope, companionship, and healing. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn ##837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

<https://youtu.be/7lksneLuiMg> - Virtual Choir First Presbyterian Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

***Charge and Benediction:**

Now go out into the world in peace;
Go out and have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
the love of God,
and the amazing grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

Postlude: *In Christ Alone

<https://youtu.be/rn9-UNer6MQ> sung by Adrienne Liesching