

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 17, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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"Thornton Gap" Armond Cabera

Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
<https://youtu.be/mIGJdkybrW8> - North Shore Presbyterian Church

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:

Christ calls us

not to power, but to servanthood.

Christ calls us

not to shun, but to include.

Christ calls us

not to hoard, but to give.

Christ calls us

not to deny him, but to proclaim him.

Christ calls us.

Christ calls us to come and follow him.

Here, we come together and worship the Lord.

Hymn of Praise 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Sing along with <https://youtu.be/SaUxsgkKcAo>

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!

Be this, while life is mine,

my canticle divine:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song

through all the ages long:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Confession:

We do not pray in order to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. Despite such lives, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope.

The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with songs of joy.

The One who provides food for all living things,

feeds us with mercies which come fresh and new each day.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

Sing along with Lebanon County Youth Chorus: <https://youtu.be/KpMCE1G3N7Q>

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.

Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished

As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

Welcoming Our New Members: George and Lois Donnelly and John and Diane Kehoe

First Lesson: Psalm 104: 1-4, 24, 31-34

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Special Music: *Like A Bridge Over Troubled Water*

Sung by Crystal Gospel Choir: <https://youtu.be/bXDfElxMTOo>

Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Sermon: “The Power of Servanthood” (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 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!"

Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Sing along with Fr. Cyprian Consiglio and Br. James Makil: <https://youtu.be/K-vgGu5Sye0>

THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Prayers of the People:

We praise you, O Lord, for your greatness and splendor;
we rejoice in you for the beauty and delight of your presence.
Your goodness flows abundantly in the life of the world,
and you provide enough not only to sustain life but to make living a delight.
We pray for all that lives,
and especially today for all your creatures in need of healing
and all whose lives are filled with suffering or uncertainty
because they cannot find enough food, shelter, security, love, or hope.
Fill them with the light and love of your healing and hope.
Guide us as we seek to use the gifts you have given us,
and open us to see what wonders you can work in the world through us.
We pray for those who hunger for signs of your love
and who thirst for the gladness of your good news.
Make us vessels of your mercy and servants at your welcome table,
so we might make room for everyone to find a home in you.
We pray as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who teaches us to pray, saying, Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings: Take a moment to remember the many ways God has touched your life in just this past week and be thankful. May your gratitude be reflected in the dedication of your life, your time, your talents, your treasures for Christ's ministry in the week ahead. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology # 609

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

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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:

May our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may they brighten the shadows of those who wander alone; may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing your praises. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 700 *I'm Gonna Live*

I'M GONNA LIVE

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/Wuw4sWzcbKU>

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:

Jesus invites us to work humbly by his side.

We would respond, 'Here we are; where do you need us?'

The Spirit hands us garments woven with strands of love and light.

We will clothe everyone we meet with these garments of grace.

Postlude: Male voice choir SangKam performing "You'll Never Walk Alone" in Hamar municipality, Norway

<https://youtu.be/Aj5qrhUih6A>