

*Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Sunday, October 24, 2021*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386*  
*Crossnore, NC 28616*



Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship #3 (Songs of Worship)

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

<https://youtu.be/fK6sYVQCqhs> - Selah

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend  
who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,  
Oh You rescue the souls of men.

[Refrain]

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offered hope when our hearts had hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh we'd hopelessly lost the way. [Refrain]

Almighty, infinite Father faithfully loving Your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
oh we're falling before Your Throne. [Refrain]

**\*Call to Worship:**

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

O magnify the Lord with me;

**And may we exalt God's name together.**

When we seek the Lord, God answers us;

**God delivers us from our fears.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

We will bless the Lord at all times;

**We will worship God now and in every moment.**

**Bobby Taylor**

**\*Hymn of Praise # #610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

<https://youtu.be/-0Z8M2GNOWQ> - First Presbyterian Church Knoxville, TN

**AZMON**

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all the glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

**Call to Confession:**

God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us (moment of silent confession). This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy #18 (Songs of Worship) *In Christ Alone***

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

<https://youtu.be/mnLI663WWnc>

**In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

**Welcoming Our New Member, Hannah Acton**

**First Lesson: Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

**Special Music: *You Raise Me Up* by Josh Gobran sung by the Color Music Children's Choir**

<https://youtu.be/TRcIEMgppK8>

## **Second Lesson: Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Sermon: "Struggling to See" (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**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 # 754 *Help us Accept Each Other***

**BARONITA**

**<https://youtu.be/49zFSbxS37Y> – Paul John Robinson - Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln, NE**

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!**

### **Prayers of the People:**

Ever faithful Lord, ever giving Son, ever present Spirit,  
for the many gifts you grant us and the opportunity to enjoy these things;  
for your daily provision and for the constant signs of your healing love;  
for the hope amidst despair and the light which always shines;  
for all these things, 'thank you' is just so inadequate

but it's all we have...to show our gratitude in word, in thought and in action.

So thank you, Lord,  
and may our thanks move beyond words to transform us into thankful folk,  
faithful folk, seeing folk, folk who see need and see the need to act,  
folk who love to live and live to love, folk who serve you by serving others.

Help us to be among those who include the excluded  
and bring in those who are marginalized,  
that when the opportunities come our way  
to be healers of division and hurt,  
to be peacemakers and restorers,  
we won't be found wanting.

Loving, personal Creator,  
we bring before you those people and issues that are closest to us  
and that occupy our hearts and minds at this time ...

Mighty, wonderful Christ,  
we bring before you people and issues from around our world,  
including those we'll never know personally  
but who remain our sisters and brothers in you ...

Transforming, healing Spirit  
help us to make the light shine in dark places,  
to make peace known in violent places,  
and to bring hope to despondent places.  
Our prayers, spoken and silent are brought to you now  
in the name of your Son, Jesus,  
the Healer, Includer and Redeemer,  
forever, who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father... Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

Take a moment to recall the many ways that God has blessed your life this week. In gratitude, take a moment renew your commitment to God to be part of Christ's ministry and mission through dedicating your time, your talents, and your treasures. What will you bring before God today?

**\*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:**

**May our gifts be used to answer the needs of those who seek you, O God, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn # 37 *Let All Things Now Living***

<https://youtu.be/VyKyq2qdx8k> - The Crystal Family Dandora Terminus

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God 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.

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,  
the love of God be reflected in your hands,  
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,  
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,  
that all might see, and seeing, believe.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and forever. Amen.

**\*Postlude: *Higher Ground* by Stevie Wonder performed by Playing for Change**

<https://youtu.be/cAcVpaNZ6W4>