

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day,
Celebration of All Saints Sunday, October 31, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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HANSON PLACE

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Sung by BJU Singers, directed by Dr. Pattye Casarow: <https://youtu.be/uQ11cVBY3jA>

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river;
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Call to Worship:

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent,
strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us worship God with joy!

Hymn of Praise # 363 *Rejoice, The Lord Is King!*

Sing along with Southwestern Seminary Oratorio Chorus: <https://youtu.be/HIMx8tJgr3I>

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Call to Confession:

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors—following idols instead of the One True God, satisfying our needs and desires with habits that do not satisfy but leave us empty; acting in ways that deny God's image within us. We are not alone in these mistakes—all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. We are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

Sing along with Newport Presbyterian Church: <https://youtu.be/o--Fx9zukvQ>

**You are the Lord, Giver of mercy;
You are the Christ, Giver of mercy;
You are the Lord, Giver of mercy.**

First Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for

the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Special Music: *Amazing Grace with My Chains Are Gone* sung by Pentatonix

<https://youtu.be/Obp-9BEZe1c>

Second Lesson: John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Sermon: “Come Out! Live!” (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.**

All Saints Day Litany of Thanksgiving:

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets in each generation who proclaimed God’s truth, from Samuel and John the Baptist to Sojourner Truth and Desmond Tutu: **Prophets of God’s truth, we remember you.**

We remember the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God, from Jesus and Paul to pastors and Christian educators: **Teachers of the faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: **Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon: **Those close in our heart, we remember you.**

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

*Sharing the names of our church members who have died in the past year—Bill Bagby and Dick Collins.
Sharing the names of our loved ones who have died in the past year...*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. You are with us in spirit, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 326 *For All the Saints*

Sing along with the Holy Childhood Schola Cantorum: <https://youtu.be/8YbH-JmKjBI>

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host.
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

The gift of service is one of the greatest gifts we can offer to God. Through our gifts and our lives, we respond to God's call to serve our brothers and sisters in the ministries of this community of faith and across the world. What will you offer to God this week?

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

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<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:

Now, as God's saints in this time and place, we have the opportunity to feed others from the abundance of all we have, to swallow up the pain and suffering of others, to wipe away the tears of children who are lonely and fearful. May the gifts we offer, and the lives we lead, reveal the One for whom we have waited and who invites us to spread grace over all the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 838 *Standing on the Promises*

Sing with Classic Hymns Mass Choir: <https://youtu.be/POwj6BenZGc>

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

***Charge and Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21**

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Postlude: *I Can Only Imagine* by Mercy Me: https://youtu.be/N_lrrq_opng

Last Sunday, Rev. Maggie Lauterer played her dulcimer and sang the old mountain hymn, *The Lone Wild Bird*, as our special music. It was simply beautiful and inspiring. Marian Weistein was so moved by this hymn that she wrote a poem in thanksgiving for the touch of the Spirit through Maggie's song:

Maggie's Song

Appalachian prayer
Simple, clear and pure
Calling the Holy Spirit.
"Come rest in me."

A crystalline voice, fragile,
Carried by unyielding angelic chords
Reaches far into the distance –
Exquisitely ethereal,
Powerfully compelling

Listening hearts hear
The moving silence
And feel the loving peace.
The Spirit is here.

