

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, November 7, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*
Sing along with Divine Hymns: <https://youtu.be/i2YEHMs05Lw>

We are standing on holy ground and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Call to Worship:

The voice of God gathers us this day;

The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

With acts mighty and faltering,

With kindness and with selfishness,

With doubt and with faith:

So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

May we worship well this day.

Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Sing along with the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their home: <https://youtu.be/pywCjixLjRk>

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Call to Confession:

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves,
to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called.

In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts,
let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer.

We know we do not always live as we ought:

We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.

We know we dim Your light within us,

With our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control.

We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us,

and that again and again you call us back to You, back to love, back to grace, back to your light,

(moment of silent confession).

Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love.

Know that we are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 647 Give Thanks**First Lesson: Psalm 91:9-16**

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"

and you make the Most High your dwelling,

no harm will overtake you,

no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the cobra;

you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

Special Music: *Hammer and Nails* by Indigo Girls

<https://youtu.be/jr3coM2DvPk>

Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and

whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Sermon: “Stand and Serve”

Rev. Joseph Bennett

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Take a moment to remember and reflect on the blessings God has showered upon you this week. Take a moment to reflect on the ways you want to express your gratitude to God. What will you dedicate to God for the coming week—your time, your talents, your treasure—to participate in Christ’s ministry and mission?

Doxology #606- Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

https://youtu.be/ivaDXu27_IY - Music forthesoul

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above all, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of all things, source of all blessings; accept the gifts of our hands, the thankfulness of our hearts, the praise of our worship and the bounty of our lives. We pray that this offering will be used for the building up of your kingdom of justice, peace, love and reconciliation and that you will bless us and our offerings to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

<https://youtu.be/wDQxUdHyumE> - United Church in University Place, WA.

**Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.**

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation:

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life.

When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests. And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart.

You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves. And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and cup, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions.

And so may we be one with all who share this feast on this day, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness. May we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending

story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father...**

Words of Institution

On the night that Jesus was sharing in the Passover meal with his disciples, the same night he was betrayed and arrested, Jesus took the bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this cup, do this in remembrance of me.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ until he comes again. These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

As you share the bread, say to the person next to you: The Bread of Heaven given for you.

As you share the cup, say to the person next to you: The Cup of Salvation given for you.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 767 *Together We Serve*- music link and verses

<https://youtu.be/bhBQugzOz3c> - Join Jared Aragón, piano, and Nicky Manlove, tenor

**Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.
We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.
We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.
Together, by grace,
we witness and work,**

**remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

Charge and Benediction:

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.

We go out to follow Jesus in the world — to show and tell the good news of God to everyone.

We love and serve our family, our friends, our community, our world

filled with the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

So, go in peace and serve the Lord in all ways!