

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Second Sunday of Epiphany, January 16, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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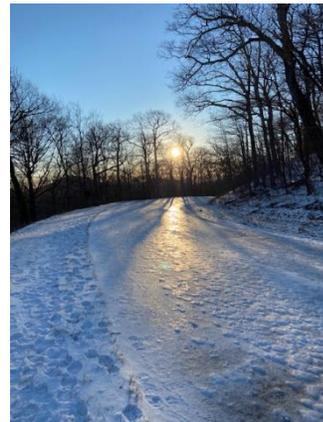


Photo by Karl Campbell

Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship: (Turn on the volume when you click on the link)

Stefan Westerberg - "Prelude for Epiphany" by Maurice Durufle

Call to Worship: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the Lord;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Hymn of Praise # 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sing along with Celtic Worship: <https://youtu.be/XKOoeTbjSel>

**Come thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love!**

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, oh take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above

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Call to Confession:

Come, friends, and let us confess our sins before God and one another, trusting in the goodness of God's mercy to save us from ourselves.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord, how we must try your patience!

We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence.

**We think that we have to have all the answers,
and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations.**

We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life.

So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe.

Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is.

**Help us to really understand the miraculous ways
in which you have already worked in our lives
and will continue to work as we journey in faith.**

**Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings,
that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith**

(moment of silent confession).

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God's love is continually poured out for us.

Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones.

In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

Sing along with Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, CA: <https://youtu.be/SQrVeehsObU>

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

**If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Special Music: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Performed by Sounds Like Reign: <https://youtu.be/eUgE0KEfYng>

Second Lesson: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon: "The Gospel of Abundance" (PDF and Zoom Link attached)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: (A Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith)

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 # 694 *Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir: <https://youtu.be/9jmQZATK0x4>

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

Prayers of the People:

**God of our Life and our Living,
you will not keep silent as our God
and we will not keep silent as your people.
Hear us as we lift up our prayers to you this day.**

We thank you for the many blessings in our lives:
for food, water, and shelter,
for the clothing on our backs,
for a roof above our heads and a heated home,
for the companionship of friends and family,
for the joy we find in the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ,
for the work we are called to do as a congregation in his name.
We thank you for things lifted up in silence or out loud...

As your people, we recognize the many needs in our community and in our world:
We pray for those who are unemployed,
those who are under-employed,
people who are hungry physically and spiritually,
those suffering with depression, loneliness, addiction, hopelessness.
We pray for those who are sick, who are awaiting surgery,
and who are recovering,
and for those who are the care givers.
We pray for those who are experiencing loss and grief,
for people who are fleeing for their lives
and those trapped in violence and wars they did not create.

Living God, who created this world and created us in your image,
may your extravagant abundance of grace and mercy
shower down upon all who are in need this day
and your Spirit will show us how to help others
in ways that honor them as your children.

We pray for the work of our elders in this coming year
and for the ministry and mission of this congregation,
those who are here physically here, those who are traveling,
and all of our snow birds.

We pray for people lifted up in silence or out loud at this time...

All these prayers we offer to you, in the name of Jesus,
who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father... Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance.
Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Doxology # 609

Sing along: <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:

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings.
Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God,
that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 733 *We All Are One in Mission*

Sing along with: <https://vimeo.com/50085385>

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Charge and Benediction:

God's grace is extravagant and abundant,
know this grace in your life and share this grace with others.
May God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
bless you this day and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude: *He Turned the Water into Wine*

Johnny Cash performs his own song: <https://youtu.be/P0R9LRv6Sdw>

