

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Third Sunday of the Season of Epiphany, January 23, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Prelude: *How Great Thou Art*

Sung by Alan Jackson: https://youtu.be/a-m_6KN5ISA

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 19)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are to be more desired than gold.

They are sweeter than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Hymn of Praise # 667 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

<https://youtu.be/gT7Kh88CrL4> - John Wesley Slider with choir and lyrics

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!

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:

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that our God is constantly revealing God's self to us, that we may see and know our Creator. Let us honor and accept this gift by opening our whole hearts through confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession: (based on Luke 4:14-21)

Christ, you came to share good news with the poor and oppressed. You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind. We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle. We praise you when your words comfort us and deny your good news means that we need to sacrifice something. Forgive us, God, for our wayward and fleeting love. We are blind to the true implications of your gospel. Help us to see that we may join in your proclamation of good news (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: (Based on Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. In Christ, you are forgiven; you are beloved; you are seen. Hold on to this truth.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

<https://youtu.be/M5vq7O2LyP0> -First Presbyterian Church - Mt. Pleasant, TX

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great Mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

**[Refrain] Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look up-on me. Love me still and cleanse with-in.**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: [Refrain]**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Special Music: *My King Is Known By Love* - The Clark Family: <https://youtu.be/lwRg7C6dADw>

Sermon: "Jesus' Inaugural Sermon" (PDF Attachment and Zoom Link)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Meditation # 23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

<https://youtu.be/xTowKgWaRSw> - performed by Russell Saint John, The Riverside Church

**God You spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain;
mold the mountains fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine wind and rain.
We created in your image would a true reflection be
of your justice, grace, and mercy and the truth that makes us free.
You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry;
we respond in grateful worship joined in one community.**

**When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole;
healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward Your goal.**

**God, your word is still creating, calling us to life made new;
now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion, fashion us with loving care.
Thus new creatures in your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.**

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, whether it is through a cold winter sunray, the flavor of an orange, the hug of a friend, or the Bible, you are constantly revealing yourself to us in the expected and unexpected, ordinary and extraordinary. We are humbled with gratitude, that you might want to know us and that you might invite us to know you. We give you thanks. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. We pray for the tensions between Russia and Ukraine. We pray for the people of Afghanistan. We pray for Kazakhstan. Where there is violence, we pray for peace. Where there is injustice, we pray for justice. We pray for the leaders of our nation, our state, our county. Bless them with wisdom that comes from you and trusted advisors. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of unity, we pray for the church universal. In our diversity, may we continue to be the one body of Christ. May we focus on what binds us. May we lift each other up. May we take the beginning of your public ministry seriously and to care for the poor and oppressed. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Creator, we pray for the earth we live on. We pray for those in Kentucky and Colorado and all over the world who are recovering from tornados, fires, and other natural disasters. Shake us from our slumber. Empower us to be good caretakers of all that you've entrusted to us, including land, sea, and creatures. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we pray for those in our lives who are sick— with illnesses, with loneliness, with anger, with fear. We pray for them by name (take a moment to share the names on the prayer request list and the names of loved ones who need your prayers). Bless these people with comfort and healing and with people who embody your love. May they know peace. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray all these things in and through Christ our Savior who taught us to pray saying, **“Our Father ...”**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside-down world of the gospel,
measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
to bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

Doxology # 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sing along: Sing along: <https://youtu.be/Pt8vqxGZp-0>

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:

Generous God, over and over your grace sustains us,

over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us.
We give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 306 Blest be the Tie that Binds
[https://youtu.be/ RUu93KoX-0](https://youtu.be/RUu93KoX-0) - The Acappella Company

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Charge and Benediction:

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too needy
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase, love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy
be your designer wear of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.
The God in whose image you are made
will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. Amen.

Postlude: Just a Little Talk with Jesus sung by the Redeemed Quartet: <https://youtu.be/R8jFKe9XppY>