

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany, January 30, 2022*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
*200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386*



Welcome and Announcements (PDF attachment)

Prelude: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Performed by the New Apostolic Church Choir and Orchestra  
<https://youtu.be/pYmKuipQoOE>

**Call to Worship:**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
**Joy of heaven, to earth come down,**  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
**all thy faithful mercies crown.**

Hymn of Praise # 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Sing along with Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia: <https://youtu.be/RbWNjMyZvd4>

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
true and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

**Call to Confession:**

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins  
and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Savior God, you call us to love but we relish the fight. We divide ourselves into us and them and refuse to cross over, compromise, or contemplate the ways of the other side. Humble us in our certainty and arrogance, God. Remind us of the power of love to calm conflict and wage peace (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, let us be at peace, and share the love we have graciously received. Amen.

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 661 *His Eye Is on the Sparrow***

SPARROW

Sung by Sounds Like Reign: <https://youtu.be/MPI7WbPyoM8>

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home;  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is he;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

**Refrain:**

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise;  
when songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

**Prayer of Illumination:**

Holy God, humble us and open us to your life-giving Word. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts and minds be open to the Spirit's moving and Jesus' teaching. Amen.

**First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly,

but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Special Music: *With Every Act of Love* by Jason Gray**

<https://youtu.be/V4bB7BUxBbY>

**Second Lesson: Luke 4:21-30**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Sermon: "God's Expanding Kingdom" (Zoom Link and PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith: Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn of Meditation # 693 *Though I May Speak***

GIFT OF LOVE

Sing along: <https://youtu.be/c0AicZiBA7s>

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.**

**Prayers of the People:**

Eternal God,

You call us to a more radical love than words cross-stitched on a pillow or framed on the wall by our bedroom nightstand can convey. You call us to a love that includes our haters, our enemies, those who demean and

humiliate us. God, how can we? How can we feel anything but disdain for awful people who treat us awfully? Grant us the courage and the strength, Holy God, to hold to that which is good.

God, grant us patience in our practice of love. Help us to not hit the send button on that scathing email that is so justified. Help us pause to breathe in and exhale out. Help us listen more, seek understanding, and approach those with whom we disagree with curiosity, humility and openness. Help us listen for the story beneath others' stories.

Peace-loving God, help us not provoke others with hard certainties, let us not be uncompromising and insistent on our own way. Open us to dialogue and to opinions different than our own. Build our endurance for bridge-building across barriers of difference so we can wage peace in our segregated world.

Finally, inspire us by your love through Christ's life, death and resurrection. Transform us in this love to live as Christ's disciples. Bless those who, in these pandemic times, are suffering, despairing and grieving and most in need of love. United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, "Our Father ..." Amen.

### **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

We have been called to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ's ministry and those most in need of love.

### **Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**In faith, Holy God, we present these offerings. We know that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn # 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me***

KELVINGROVE

Sing along: <https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU>

**Will You Come And Follow Me  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Go Where You Don't Know  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Let My Love Be Shown,  
Will You Let My Name Be Known,  
Will You Let My Life Be Grown  
In You And You In Me?**

**Will You Leave Yourself Behind  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Care For Cruel And Kind  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Risk The Hostile Stare  
Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?  
Will You Let Me Answer Prayer  
In You And You In Me?**

**Will You Let The Blinded See  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Set The Prisoners Free  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,  
And Do Such As This Unseen,  
And Admit To What I Mean  
In You And You In Me?**

**Will You Love The 'You' You Hide  
If I But Call Your Name?  
Will You Quell The Fear Inside  
And Never Be The Same?  
Will You Use The Faith You've Found  
To Reshape The World Around,  
Through My Sight And Touch And Sound  
In You And You In Me?**

**Lord, Your Summons Echoes True  
When You But Call My Name.  
Let Me Turn And Follow You  
And Never Be The Same.  
In Your Company I'll Go  
Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.  
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow  
In You And You In Me.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,  
go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners,  
go with us as we try to be good neighbors in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community,  
go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.