

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany  
February 13, 2022  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church  
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I LOVE YOU, LORD

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord*  
<https://youtu.be/8hyBJwTKmQ8> - Maranatha! Music

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**Call to Worship:**

Blessed are those who trust - in God!  
**We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.**  
Blessed are those who hope - in God!  
**We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.**  
Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!  
**We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.**

Hymn of Praise # 35 *Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty*  
Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir <https://youtu.be/jUM-cNuvMOI>

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Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.

**Call to Confession:**

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Let us make our confession, confident of God's love for us.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,  
the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.  
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,  
see the world with new and gracious eyes,

**move to those places where love is needed,  
and have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 18 *In Christ Alone***

Sing along with Keith & Kristyn Getty, and Alison Krauss: <https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE>

**In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,  
this gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again;  
and as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me  
from life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand  
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

**Special Music: *There Is a Balm in Gilead***

Sung by the Adventist Vocal Ensemble: [https://youtu.be/8fcMxI\\_6xsk](https://youtu.be/8fcMxI_6xsk)

**Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17- 4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Affirmation of Faith: 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 life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn of Meditation # 372 *O for a World***

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Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir: <https://youtu.be/6OJanH5zQdw>

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

**Prayers of the People:**

Holy One, in your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Spark of Life,  
creation was envisioned by you and is sustained by you;  
in gratitude we pray for the world:  
that its riches and resources be used responsibly and fairly;  
that its rulers and leaders may govern with justice, compassion and humility;  
that humankind may live with understanding and respect,  
noticing what unites us;  
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Prophet of Love,  
you lived among us to teach us – to show us – how to love;  
in humility we pray for our sisters and brothers around the globe:  
for those dehumanized by their struggle for existence, may we listen;  
for those overshadowed by the constancy of death, may we notice;  
for those besieged by fear, anger and relentless peril, may we show up;  
for those ensnared by systems beyond their control, may we demand change.  
In your love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Breath of Being,  
you are here – in this very moment – as constant presence and insistent voice;  
in gratitude we pray...with boldness we pray:  
inundate the world with humanity,  
overwhelm the world with truth,  
flood the world with kindness,  
upset our indifference,  
accelerate our action,  
fortify our resolve,  
compel us to authentic discipleship  
that nurtures creation, embodies love and breathes life.  
In your love and mercy, **hear our prayer**  
as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray: Our Father... Amen.

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

**Doxology #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

<https://youtu.be/2kmskQGUILc> - First United Methodist Church Washington, NC

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

**You pour out your abundance on us, Loving God, and work with us and through us to alleviate the sufferings of others, turn their woes into blessings, and their emptiness into overflowing grace and life. Take the gifts we offer and use them in the work of your new life which is in our midst. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn # 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy***

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Homecoming Choir from Billy Graham's Homecoming album: <https://youtu.be/unWnWSgoSt0> -

**You shall go out with joy and be let forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the fields  
will clap, will clap their hands.**

### **Chorus**

**And all the trees of the fields will clap their hands, the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
the trees of the fields will clap their hands, while you'll go out with joy.**

### **Charge and Benediction:**

May God, the brightness of the universe, bless us.

May Jesus, the light of the world, disturb us.

May the Holy Spirit, energy of the cosmos, strengthen us.

May we be blessed with the power to speak and live the gospel all of our days. Amen.

*(from an Iona liturgy, by Mary McHugh and Patricia Stoat)*

### **Postlude: *Higher Ground***

Playing for Change performing: <https://youtu.be/cAcVpaNZ6W4>