

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Seventh Sunday of Epiphany, February 20, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 4 *Spirit Song* (Songs of Worship)

<https://youtu.be/AnFTGi8SgHE> - Polk Street United Methodist Church

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with His Spirit and His love;
let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul .
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain:

Jesus oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs;
Jesus oh Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy;
lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness,
give Him all your years of pain
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name (Refrain)

***Call to Worship:**

We have come to this level place.

We have come to look each other in the eye.

No one will stand above or below,

but we will turn to each other and call each other blessed.

We have sorrows and woes, God knows, but we have come to rejoice.

Holy One, be with us in our praise and worship.

Hymn of Praise # 612 *We Praise You, O God

<https://youtu.be/1wYMO9vPXtQ> = First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Call to Confession:

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come to our God with the fullness of our lives, to admit our love and our hate, to admit our faith and our fear. Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession to God and to each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and the bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and we are included in that love. We are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

<https://youtu.be/vgWoSoKjRhI> - the Green Valley Youth Choir in 2008 as a audition for their Disneyland performances as part of their 2008 world tour. They went on to be part of the world tour.

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One;
Thank you, oh my Father for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain

Thank you, oh my Father for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done

When I stand in Glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever in that Holy Place

Thank you, oh my father for giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on Earth is done (repeat).

First Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Special Music: *It Is Well with My Soul*

Sung by Acapeldridge: <https://youtu.be/ZYrL9ea1XUg>

Second Lesson: Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe

to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Sermon: “On Level Ground” (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

***An Affirmation of Faith: The 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of Meditation # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Sing along with Mississippi College Singers: <https://youtu.be/j9XUSlzeRQ8>

**My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

Prayers of the People:

God of goodness and mercy, of gentleness and kindness, of righteousness and faithfulness:
be the light of our salvation and sustain our souls.

We offer the daily tasks that consume us to you, for we accomplish nothing without your grace.

We submit to your will, that we should love you with our everything and love our neighbors,
and even our enemies, as ourselves.

Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love into the people of God.

We pray in the name of Christ Jesus who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

The winter season is a lean time for our mountain congregation due to snowstorms and frigid temperatures.
Please consider a snow offering to help us continue to serve Christ in our ministry and outreach. Thank you!

***Doxology # 606**

<https://youtu.be/2kmskQGUILc> - First United Methodist Church, Washington, NC3

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.

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

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 761 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Sing along with the Riverside Church: <https://youtu.be/-F4Ei4po2Lk>

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace;
we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring to fulfil God's chosen end.

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth;
Let us follow never faltering reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer poorer, all God's people young and old
blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission in a small or global sense;
help us bear each other's burdens breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort words of vision, words of challenge said with care
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase;
messengers of faith thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***Charge and Benediction**

Be glad in the Lord always!

Focus your thoughts on all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just,
all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise.

And the peace of God— peace that goes far beyond anything we can comprehend—
that peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

So go from here with confidence and joy, to serve the Lord.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
fill you with the joy and courage to *be the gospel* as you walk into a new week. Amen.

***Postlude: *The Beatitudes* by Ducate/Balhoff**

Sung by Chris Brunelle: <https://youtu.be/bcUJyBKgp64>