

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in the Season of Lent
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 3 *Wonderful Merciful Savior*

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Sing along with Sounds Like Reign: <https://youtu.be/72mzKbEAP5g>

Wonderful, merciful Savior

Precious Redeemer and Friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb

Could rescue the souls of men

Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper

Spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts have

Hopelessly lost our way

Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father

Faithfully loving Your own

Here in our weakness You find us

Falling before Your throne

Oh, we're falling before Your throne

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh, our hearts always hunger for (repeat)

Call to Worship: (from Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength

a 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 the waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with tumult,

God's love endures forever.

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

NETTLETON

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 God's unchanging 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.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, 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; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession:

The call to confession is always a call to experience God's mercy. In admitting the truth of our lives to our loving Creator, we open ourselves to the experience of grace and healing. Trusting in that divine love, let us confess our brokenness before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, we admit to you that all is not right – in our hearts and in our world. We look to the darkness and not to the light. We look for what is broken, and not at what is being mended. We look to criticize and not to praise. We look at ourselves and not to you. Turn us around so that we look at the possibility, at hope, at promise, at grace, at healing, at love (moment of silent confession). This we pray in the strong and precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus calls us follow him, and he will not lead us astray. His path is one of forgiveness and renewal. Know that we are forgiven, and so we are ready to go out and serve. **Alleluia! Amen.**

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

DETROIT

Sing along with Keith Green: https://youtu.be/7w_K9vTIGHY

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One**

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

and 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**

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**

First Lesson: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Special Music: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

Sung by Sunday 7 PM Catholic Choir: <https://youtu.be/Sbv-kYjak08>

Second Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He fasted and became famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Sermon: "Welcome to the Wilderness" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

God has so richly blessed us in the past week and so this is our opportunity to show our gratitude and to offer our lives (time, talents, and treasures) to God for the expanding of ministry and mission here and around the world. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology # 608

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC: <https://youtu.be/BKcnin5iJJ>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God whom we adore.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

TABLE OF GRACE

Orchards United Methodist Church, Vancouver, Washington: <https://youtu.be/EAT1zqbdO1o>

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of grace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of peace.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of love.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of hope.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of hope.

Come to the table of joy.

Come to the table of joy.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of joy.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As you prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper,

place a loaf of bread (or a slice) on a plate and fill a cup with juice or wine.

These are the elements that will be blessed as Christ invites us to share in the joyful feast.

It is Christ who invites us to the table, Christ who feeds us,

and Christ who calls us to share his body with others in ways that are healing, helpful, and hopeful.

Invitation:

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south and from east and west

to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table.

Our Savior invites those who trust him to share in the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.
We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us.
Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.
Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.
Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,
that we may serve as your faithful disciples
until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God,
through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.



Words of Institution:

On the night that he was betrayed,
Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pass the bread to the person next to you and say,
“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Pass the cup to the person next to you and say,
“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Prayer after Communion:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit to be the Body of Christ
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCES

Sing along with the Dragon Choir, Oxford: <https://youtu.be/2svZhZT6Pro>

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Charge and Benediction:

The journey has begun.
God is with you.
Go forth to learn, to teach, to serve.
Go bringing peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you and with this beautiful and broken world
now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude: *Prayer for Ukraine* (published in 1885, which became a spiritual anthem of Ukraine)

Sung by Ukrainian Institute of Sweden: https://youtu.be/zn0_p1ZR3hg

**Oh Lord, Almighty and Only
for us our Ukraine, please, keep
by freedom's and the rays of light
you set her in light.**

**By light of science and knowledge
keep us, your children, enlightened.
the pure love to the land
you, oh Lord, please, instill.**

**We pray, oh Lord and the Only,
for us our Ukraine, please, keep
all of your presents and generosity,
you turn to people of ours.**

**Give them the freedom, give them good fate,
give them good light, and the happiness,
give, oh Lord, people
many and many years.**