

*Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Fourth Sunday in the Season of Lent,
March 27, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Prelude: Psalm

~Guest Musician, Diane Rydell

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Family News

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord*

<https://youtu.be/8hyBJwTKmQ8> - Maranatha! Music

I LOVE YOU, LORD

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:**

Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.

Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ
has shattered our ways of viewing people.

**No longer do we label our sisters and brothers,
we welcome them with open arms.**

Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,
and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!

Ashlyn DeWitt

Hymn of Praise # 625 *O Lord My God

<https://youtu.be/dnvg00tupul> - Carrie Underwood

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

Call to Confession:

Scripture reminds us that we learn to love and forgive from the God who loves us for who we are, forgives our sin, and blesses us into who we are becoming in Christ. Therefore, let us come before God and each other and be honest about the ways we have sinned against God and our neighbor.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus and have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness and opportunity to make amends. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

In Christ, old things are done away with, all things become new.

Thanks be to God!

We are agents of grace and reconciliation.

Thanks be to God!

With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us.

Thanks be to God!

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 643 *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

<https://youtu.be/sR6Kajdt3M> - Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, California

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son

**and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.**

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day. On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: he old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sermon: "Life in Transition"

Rev. Joe Bennett

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed, page 35, Glory to God Hymnal**

***Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*, vs. 1, 3, 5**

THE SERVANT SONG

https://youtu.be/0MQ1C-Q_unE - University of Nebraska-Lincoln Singers. Pete Eklund, Conductor. First
Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

**Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too**

**We are pilgrims on a journey
We are travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear**

**I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through**

**Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you?**

Pray that I may have the grace
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Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Come Ye Sinners*

***Doxology # 608**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

arr. by Sawyer
GOD (Hopson)

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn # 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

<https://youtu.be/NNIZcw4cfYY> - David Kidwell, The Lorenz Corporation

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Go in Faith

Mendelssohn