

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent, April 3, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386
Crossnore, NC 28616*

Prelude: *Grace and Peace*

Logan

Diane Rydell, Guest Musician

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Family News

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

I LOVE YOU, LORD

https://youtu.be/1c0EzHFnk_8 - Bill & Gloria Gaither

I love you, Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
Oh, my soul, rejoice!

Take joy my King
In what You hear
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear

***Call to Worship:**

Jason DeWitt

We come to this place because we want to know God,
who helps us set aside the past, to walk the path to new life.
We come in these moments because we want to know Jesus,
who anoints us with the resurrection, who shares our lives with us.
We come with these people because we want to know the Spirit,
who shapes us for life with God, so we may praise God forever!

Hymn of Praise # 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

<https://youtu.be/4fis-yOSv7w> - Jaron & Katherine Kamin

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Call to Confession:

As we offer our prayers of confession, remember that God chooses to forget about our past, forgiving us so we may embrace the new life and new hope offered to us in grace. Together, let us confess our sins before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, hear our prayer:

**For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;
for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;
for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;
for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;
we pray for the courage to admit our fault,
the strength to amend our actions,
and the hope that your grace awaits us**

(moment of silent confession).

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends. Sisters, brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God:

We are forgiven. We are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

<https://youtu.be/aoyCWqCxGW4> - Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,**

as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Second Lesson: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Sermon: A Lingering Fragrance

Roger Wise

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Prayer

Warriner

***Doxology # 606**

OLD HUNDRETH

<https://youtu.be/tQUTvMtUhw4> - Anthem Lights

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him. all creature here below
Praise him above all ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

If we want to know you, Generous God, we must see you in those all around us. If we want to serve you, we must give up that which is most important to us, even our material resources, so that blessings of hope and life might be offered to the needy, the lonely, the hungry all around us. Receive our gifts, we pray, so that others might be transformed even as we are. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 525 *Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

<https://youtu.be/oMMt1xTI-sw> = Hal Leonard and Shawnee Press Church Choral

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn # 724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

<https://youtu.be/7MzobkFzSZM> - The Riverside Choir, New York, NY

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Lord of Our Life

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