

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

**Choral Call to Worship # 18 *In Christ Alone***

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Sing along with Adrienne Liesching, Geoff Moore & The Distance: [https://youtu.be/ENtL\\_li4GbE](https://youtu.be/ENtL_li4GbE)

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

**Call to Worship:**

Though we have known hardship and pain,  
though life has not always turned out as we had hoped,  
we will stand here and say:

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Though life becomes more complex,  
the deepest questions remain unanswered,  
and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

And though the pain of the world  
often seems more than we can bear or address,  
we will stand firm in our faith and say:

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Hymn of Praise # 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

Sing along with First Plymouth Church, Lincoln, Nebraska: <https://youtu.be/fhbYS31TYbs>

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)**

**Call to Confession: (adapted from Isaiah 50:7-9)**

The Lord God helps us; therefore we have not been disgraced. We know that we shall not be put to shame; our redeemer is near! If it is the Lord GOD who helps us, who will declare us guilty? With confidence in God's redeeming love, let us confess our sin.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy one, beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession and sing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive. We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already. In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us.**

**Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too blind to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow. Forgive us our failure to love (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: (adapted from Psalm 118)**

Let those who fear the Lord say, his steadfast love endures forever.  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!**

**In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 647 *Give Thanks***

**GIVE THANKS**

Sing along with Henry Smith: <https://youtu.be/k9uZI4w4xgM>

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son**

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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"**

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**Give thanks  
We give thanks to You oh Lord  
We give thanks**

**First Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Special Music: *God So Loved the World***

from "The Crucifixion" Sir John Stainer

Sung by the Choir of St. Johns College, Cambridge: <https://youtu.be/nzk5K-p6ScM>

**Second Lesson: Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead

of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Sermon: "A Different Kind of Messiah" (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith:** (adapted from the Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage Alaska)

**We believe in the God who is the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire,  
guiding us by day and by night.**

**We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.**

**We hope in our Creator whose providence rules over all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in Jesus who taught us what it means to truly live and to love.**

**We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, who died, and was buried.**

**We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb,  
revealing that death is not the final word.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, Giver of faith and formation.**

**We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies us.**

**We hope in our Advocate who bring to us, and through us,  
the gift of God's eternal peace and presence.**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This***

**WONDROUS LOVE**

**Sing along the Veritas Ensemble: [https://youtu.be/u\\_0AX5Opgs0](https://youtu.be/u_0AX5Opgs0)**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,**

**what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**

**to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,**

**to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,**

**when I was sinking down, sinking down,**

**when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,**

**Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,**

**Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,**

**to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;**

**to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,**

**while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;**

**while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

### **Prayers of the People:**

We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross,  
for you understand us and in love you have promised  
not to push away any who come to you.

So, we pray for people who feel pushed away:  
pushed away from a living faith in Jesus by pressure from friends and family;  
those who feel pushed away by other people in churches  
if they do not share the same kinds of practices or politics;  
for people who are pushed out by those who want power,  
whose main love is to be noticed, to have control.

We pray for your church that all those who trust in Jesus  
will be able by your Spirit to follow his humility,  
to see and imitate his servant life, to welcome and not to condemn.  
Help your church to be like Jesus.

We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross,  
for you know the warm glow of being praised and the loneliness of being hated.

We pray for world leaders to understand their role to serve the peoples of the world,  
that posturing will be replaced by practical action to make a difference,  
and jockeying for position be replaced by genuine efforts  
to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and care for those who are weak.

We continue to lift up all the places in the world  
where war and violence have reigned down terror and death  
on far too many innocent people and animals.  
Prince of Peace, bring your reign of peace  
and embolden our national and world leaders  
to bring an end to such inhumane horror.

In days when food banks are required in our land  
to feed families who struggle to provide the basics for life,  
we ask that you will re-arrange our priorities  
and help us to live more like Jesus.

We pray to you, Lord of palm-branches and the cross,  
because you know how quickly life changes to death.

We remember those we know who mourn in these days,  
who grieve the loss of a loved one, the loss of their health,  
the loss of a job, the loss of security, the loss of direction in their lives,  
who need to know that you invite those in sorrow to turn to you;  
and we name them before you now...

We ask, God of grace, that you will give us the strength and love  
to follow Jesus and give him our praise in the way we live;  
to turn away from wrong and evil and stand on the Master's side,  
to be faithful in worshipping the One who has come in the Lord's name  
through our singing, our worship, our prayers, our attention,  
in giving our skills, time and means through the days of our lives;  
and in the offering which we make now.

Bless, we pray, all that is given to your glory and the good of many.  
Through Jesus who is the Savior of all,  
who taught his disciples to pray, Our Father... Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

What will you offer from your life this week that you want God to bless and use to bring light and love to those who are in need physically, mentally, spiritually? Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Doxology # 606**

Sing along with Anthem Lights featuring Selah: <https://youtu.be/tQUTvMtUhw4>

**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:**

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honoring your presence. Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.

**Closing Hymn # 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

RATHBUN

Sing along with the Hymnal Project: [https://youtu.be/pyT\\_QE1x-JA](https://youtu.be/pyT_QE1x-JA)

**In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me;  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,  
**we come to Christ this holy week.**

Today is only a part of the story.

**Jesus' triumph leads to his death,  
his death to his resurrection.**

May the journey of this week lead us  
into the fullness of Christ's love.

**Postlude: Prayer for Ukraine performed by the United States Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants**

[https://youtu.be/gIL\\_mWmzXoM](https://youtu.be/gIL_mWmzXoM)

First published in 1885, composer Mykola Lysenko's "Prayer for Ukraine" has become a beloved song for the Ukrainian people. Lysenko's words of "protect our Ukraine, shine on her your blessings of freedom and light" act as a worldwide beacon of hope for democracy.