

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*Proper C14 Sunday, July 31, 2022*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
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I LOVE YOU, LORD

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

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

[https://youtu.be/1c0EzHFnk\\_8](https://youtu.be/1c0EzHFnk_8) -- Bill & Gloria Gaither singers

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:**

Creator God, we praise you!

**Risen Christ, we greet you!**

Holy Spirit, we are one body by your grace.

**You alone are holy, and we worship you.**

Glory be to you, O God of all Creation.

**Thanks be to you, O Christ, for our salvation.**

God of grace and abundance,

you give us all things, even your whole Realm.

**We eat from your hands; we rest in your lap.**

Deepen our gratitude, trust and compassion.

**Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!**

**Hymn of Praise # 18 *In Christ Alone* (Songs of Worship)**

<https://youtu.be/rn9-UNer6MQ> - Adrienne Liesching

words/music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

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 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 before God and each other.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

God of truth, we know we fall far short of your expectations for us – sometimes we fail even our own self-expectations. We wander away from you in our daily routines; sometimes we ignore your commands and in apathy turn our backs on those who are suffering. Forgive our short-sighted vision, our constant focus on ourselves, and our discounting of future generations in our decision-making. Help us to deepen our connections with you through prayer, praise and scripture, and with others through affirming, supportive relationships (moment of silent confession). We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all grace. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, hear the Good News: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to us, not to condemn the world but in order that we might be saved – healed and forgiven – through him. Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

LAUDA ANIMA

<https://youtu.be/QxF62xRFB5o> - OCP Session Choir

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

**Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

**First Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

**Second Lesson: Luke 12:32-40**

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**Sermon: “What Are We Waiting For?” (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**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 # 839 *Blessed Assurance*  
<https://youtu.be/flvXXJqB7Q0> - Sounds Like Reign

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain:**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

**Prayers of the People:**

O Lord, we lift up our souls to you.  
We trust in you, because you are always faithful to your covenant.  
You never leave your people alone.  
So we pray for the people on our hearts who are in need.  
We pray for those who are sick,  
for those who suffer or struggle,  
and especially for those who are lonely or hopeless.  
We pray for those we have lifted up by name...  
O Lord, we put our hope in you.  
Teach us to serve you, loving God,  
and make us faithful to your call.  
Open our hearts and minds to know your truth,  
and shape our actions to live into your covenant.  
Hold us gently, in your eternal mercy.  
Set us free from sin and look at us only with your love.  
We dedicate our efforts, skills, and interests to your work,  
in this congregation and everywhere we go.  
Let our lives show your good news to the world, O Lord.

Let us feed, serve, and lift up your people in need.  
Bind us to each other as your beloved people,  
called together in Jesus' name.  
We pray together as he taught us, saying: Our Father...Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

We sing our praises to the Lord, for God is good and worthy! We give our whole selves — our talents and material possessions — to the Church with the expectation that they be used to further God's dream for our world. Let us commit ourselves and give as we are able. Let us receive this morning's offering.

**#608 Doxology – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

PRAISE GOD (Hopkins)

<https://youtu.be/VXKULgrCpUg> - First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Alabama

**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:**

**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 # 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

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<https://youtu.be/Kd-FANyN1VU> - First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience,  
forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you,  
and crown all these things with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And now the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you and abide with you  
now and forevermore.  
Amen.