

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Proper 16C Sunday, August 21, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 621 *I Will Call upon the Lord*
Sing along with Cedarment Kids Worship:

<https://youtu.be/OXHYPg4VSg>

I will call upon the Lord (ECHO)

Who is worthy to be praised (ECHO)

So shall I be saved from my enemies (ECHO)

The Lord liveth and blessed be my Rock
And let the God of my salvation be exalted
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Call to Worship:

Before we got up this morning and decided to come to church,
God was waiting for us, to welcome us with grace.

When we are unsure of what to do; when we falter before the next step,
we come to listen to God's voice, to learn from the One who teaches us
all we ever need to know.

When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice; when our fears cripple our souls,
God delivers us with steadfast love;
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.

Hymn of Praise # 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

Sing along with Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA: <https://youtu.be/D6Ly-VfWSiU>

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord all!

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

Call to Confession:

When we were children, we learned not to touch hot things so we would not be burned. If only avoiding sin was that easy! But sin seems so comfortable, so easy, and so harmless that we cannot stop ourselves from reaching out to touch it over and over again. Let us confess our sins to the One who chooses to forgive us and love us unconditionally.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us, but to listen to our prayers. God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

This is, indeed, good news for us! We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 4 *Spirit Song*

words/music by John Wimber

<https://youtu.be/oH91-ldd7lo> - Maranatha Singers

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**Oh, come and sing the song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. [Refrain]**

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First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9-12

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Choir Anthem: *O God Beyond All Praising*

Gustav Holst; arr. Dan Forrest

https://youtu.be/8A_dOYrz5So - the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra

Second Lesson: Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Sermon: "The Law of Love" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God: omnipresent, in every time, and in every place, generating and sustaining all life, nurturing relationship with Creation.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who lived and loved, taught and died; the One who conquered death and who surprises us with grace, when we least expect or deserve it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who journeys with us and makes our faith possible, in every situation and every circumstance.

We believe that every place we pause to recognize the mystery of our Triune God, is a sacred place. Surely, God is with us in every time and in every place, and we are grateful.

~written by Jerie Lukefahr, Commissioned Ruling Elder (PCUSA)

Hymn of Meditation # 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

Sing along with the Choir of the Washington National Cathedral: https://youtu.be/5I_hAhyzhfU

My shepherd will supply my need;

Jehovah is his name.

**In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.**

**He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.**

**Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,**

**and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

Prayers of the People:

Gracious and holy God, on this Sabbath day we come to remember that you have brought us out of the slavery of our lives into new life and abundance.

Help us remember again the many ways in our past that you have freed us and made us whole, for we are forgetful dear Lord, and need to hear it over and over again lest we fall into despair.

Through Jesus, your Living Word, you reach out to us and set us free from those things that weigh us down and bring us into joyful communion with you and all your saints; and so God, we bring all the things that cripple us—our fears, our stress, our sins and poor judgments—and we lay them at your feet. Take them from us we pray.

O Loving Lord we pray for all those who are bent over and oppressed by crippling spirits. Set them free and set free, too, all those whose attitudes and opinions lead them to burden others and to shut the door to your healing power in our midst. Lord, hear our prayers for all those who are on our hearts this day...

We pray, O Lord, for those who are seen as unimportant...for those who are devalued in the world or invisible. Help them to know themselves as your beloved children and help us to be your faithful children of light and follow you as we meet the needs of others who cross our paths in daily living.

Let us not be the ones who say “come back later” or “that’s not appropriate” or “we have rules about that” but let us be the ones who say “come to the table, here is an extra seat, come to the front of the line, I’ve been saving a place for you, here’s my extra coat, here’s my other shoes, here’s what I can share today, come Child of God and be restored to the Kingdom.”

For we ask these things in the name of Jesus our loving, but often difficult to follow Savior, who taught us to pray saying... Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Take a moment to remember the ways that God has been present in your life this past week and then take a moment to decide what you want to gratefully give to God of your time, your talents, and your treasures to be used to share the love of Christ to those in need in this coming week. Let us receive this morning’s offering.

Doxology # 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

https://youtu.be/ILdeoa_2kdY - The St. Mary Magdalene Church Choir, Orange, California

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share your gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love, healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassion. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

Sing along with: <https://youtu.be/fkwdYAnOTdg>

**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**

Charge and Benediction:

Look into the eyes of those bent over by life's burdens
and show them by your words and actions
that they, too, are God's precious daughters and sons,
worthy of love and grace and wholeness.

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.
Amen.