

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day*  
*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Crossnore Presbyterian Church*  
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 519 *You Are My Strength*  
<https://youtu.be/dPqu8lD8LB0> - Maranatha! Music

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name  
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You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

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**Call to Worship:**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted.  
God invites us all to the kingdom's banquet; honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.

Hymn of Praise # 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
<https://youtu.be/908pFkykb84> - Hal Leonard and Shawnee Press Church Choral

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

**Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?  
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?  
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!  
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.  
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**

**Call to Confession:**

The path of faithfulness is the path of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith. Please join me in the litany of confession:

**Litany of Confession:**

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves far higher than we should!  
Forgive us for thinking of ourselves far lower than we ought!

**Lord, forgive us both ways!**

Save us from the sin of pride and the offence of false modesty.  
Save us from being our own best defenders and our own worst critics.

**Let us be glad simply to be at the banquet:**

gathered by You in grace, ready to be put in our place,  
not for our merit but despite our demerit, not for our status but despite our sin.

**Forgive us both ways!**

Put us in our place! Only then can we face our worldly posture with heavenly poise.  
(moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: (Isaiah 43:1)**

"Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine."

**Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation***

NETTLETON

<https://youtu.be/E3V2JRX8V6w> - Cambridge United Presbyterian Church; Cambridge, NY

**Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great Mercy! Come to us from heaven above.**

**Refrain:**

**Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look up-on me. Love me still and cleanse with-in.**

**All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: [Refrain]**

**First Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with

them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Choir Anthem: *The Gift of Love***

arr. Hal Hopson

Sung by First Presbyterian Church Choir, Charlotte, NC: <https://youtu.be/UOZSciStWBg>

**Second Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

**Sermon: "The Holy Practice of Humility and Hospitality" (PDF attachment)**

Rev. Kathy Campbell

**Affirmation of Faith: 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 # 767 *Together We Serve***

SAN ANSELMO

[https://youtu.be/WLPdfL\\_K23o](https://youtu.be/WLPdfL_K23o) - Dave Champe, Wesley United Methodist Church, Morgantown, WV

**Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

**Prayers of the People:**

Faithful God, you are ever mindful of your covenant  
and invite us to ask gifts of your goodness.  
In your steadfast love, receive our requests  
for the well-being of your church, your world, and your people.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Grant your church understanding and discernment  
to faithfully carry out your mission in the world.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Cause us to walk in wisdom concerning your creation,  
mindfully stewarding its provision for all living creatures.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Give those who govern wise and discerning minds,  
that your way of justice and compassion may prevail among the nations.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Provide food for the hungry, hope for the despairing,  
Healing for the suffering, and wisdom for the wandering.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Help us make the most of our time,  
walking in your ways, filled with your Spirit, living out your will.  
You have redeemed your people.

**Holy and awesome is your name.**

In your steadfast love, let your wisdom uphold  
those we remember now aloud and in our hearts.  
(sharing our own personal prayers for loved ones)  
You have redeemed your people.  
**Holy and awesome is your name.**

We give you thanks for our ancestors,  
the great people you have chosen  
in all generations, who now rest with you.  
You have redeemed your people.  
**Holy and awesome is your name.**

Holy and awesome God, you are the answer  
To our prayers; through Christ our Lord,  
who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

### **Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

Take a moment to remember some of the many ways God has been present in your life this past week and the blessings you have received. Take a moment to reflect on the gifts you want to offer God in gratitude: your time, your skills, your financial resources to be blessed for God's ministry of love locally and globally. Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Doxology # 608**

**PRAISE GOD (Hopson)**

<https://youtu.be/2kmskQGUILc>:

**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:**

**Yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we are offered opportunities to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and friendship. This is why you pour out your blessings upon us, trusting that we will share from our abundance to bless others, even as we have been blessed. Receive the gifts we offer, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn # 450 *Be Thou My Vision***

**SLANE**

<https://youtu.be/Optrm7IF16s> - Audrey Assad

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Charge and Benediction:**

Practice humility and hospitality.

Invite the lowly to your table.

Remember the imprisoned and the tortured.

Honor your covenants.

Be content with what you have.

Love God, and walk in God's ways.

**May the way we live offer praise to God,  
our helper and our strength.**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you and with our beautiful and broken world.

**Amen.**