

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

<https://youtu.be/IUOapzz4Zwk> - by Ken Medema, Morning Star Music

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Call to Worship:

We gather in the presence of God:
who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep, and in all the moments in between.
We gather in the house of God:
who has created a family for us, here as well as in Kabul, Bogota, Ottawa, Kiev, and everywhere.
We gather to be the people of God:
who calls us to follow in love, in faith, in service.

Hymn of Praise # 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

<https://youtu.be/dkaTh6JAMP4> - Congregation and Summer Choir of First Plymouth Church, Lincoln Nebraska

Sing glory to the name of God,
whose holy splendor shines abroad.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves,
God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might:
resounding thunder, flashing light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness can not contain
the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is wild and free,
awhirl in holy mystery.
Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire,
still chanted by the temple choir.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace;
may hymns of glory never cease:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Confession:

On our journey with God, we often make mistakes, and hurt each other. By acknowledging these mistakes, and asking for forgiveness, we work to heal that pain, and reconcile with each other and with God. Let us join together in prayer.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy and Beloved God, you have blessed us with life itself – and yet, we choose to walk away from you again and again. We get engrossed in the small details and lose track of the way of life that is holy and healthy. We say we want to be your disciple, but sometimes we chase after dreams that you tell us to ignore, and ignore your call to act in love in the world. Help us to turn our hearts back to you. Help us give our whole attention and whole self to you, as Jesus told us to do. Help us to choose life in you over all else. Hear the words of our hearts as we lift up silent prayers (moment of silent confession). In the name of the Living Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

No matter how often we forget God's presence, or choose to follow our own paths and dreams, God calls out to us to return to the path. God has already forgiven us, and that Jesus is waiting for us with open arms. **May we love God and each other as much as God loves us! Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*
<https://youtu.be/g1f-TXvRIMk> - First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

First Lesson: Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Special Music: *Because He Lives*

Sung by Celtic Worship: <https://youtu.be/RFlr8-gH55E>

Second Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

God blesses us every single day beyond what we even realize or remember. What offering do you bring before the Lord in gratitude to be blessed and used by God? Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology –# 608 *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:

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

COME, SHARE THE LORD

Sung by Regina Caeli Catholic Church: <https://youtu.be/E9u81C0UPh0>

(Follow the words on the video)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

As you prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper,

place a loaf of bread (or a slice) on a plate and fill a cup with juice or wine.

These are the elements that will be blessed as Christ invites us to share in the joyful feast.

It is Christ who invites us to the table, Christ who feeds us,

and Christ who calls us to share his body with others in ways that are healing, helpful, and hopeful.

Invitation:

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share in the feast he has prepared.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,

and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us.

Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,

that we may serve as your faithful disciples

until we feast at your table in glory. We praise you, eternal God,

through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit,

now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution:

On the night that he was betrayed,

Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you,

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,

shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,

you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Pass the bread to the person next to you and say,

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Pass the cup to the person next to you and say,

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Prayer after Communion:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit to be the Body of Christ that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 318 *In Christ There is No East or West*

ST. PETER

<https://youtu.be/tEwLle8Ue4Y> - Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Virtual Choir, New York, New York

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Charge and Benediction:

As we walk into a new week, let us remember there is no where we can go where God is not. Everywhere we go, God goes before us. From the farthest ocean to the highest mountain, from the heights of joy to the depths of despair— wherever we find ourselves, God is already there. So go in peace, for we do not go alone.

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.

Postlude: *Love Train* performed by Playing for Change and Turn Around Arts

<https://youtu.be/aUXSVnGsYyY>

(this music video is worth watching just for the sheer joy of it!)