

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
A Special Service of Music
Sunday, September 18, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386
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Prelude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* by William M. Runyan; arr. by Gayden C. Sikes
Sing along with Carrie Underwood and CeCe Winans: <https://youtu.be/NT0HcAr9ael>

Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

A Special Time to Honor Bob and Linda Taylor

Choral Call to Worship: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* text by William W. Walford; music by William Bradbury
Sing along with Sounds like Reign: <https://youtu.be/ADaNGj6p890>

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Sing along with Audrey Assad: <https://youtu.be/AgHrNNM23p8>

Call to Confession:

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Eternal and Gracious God, We praise You, for You are just and true. Your love is with us always. In Your grace, You call us to confess our sin and receive Your mercy. Many times we have done what we should not have done. We know this is true, so we acknowledge it before You. Many times we also have not done what we should have done. We know this is true as well, so we admit it in Your presence. Help us to serve You joyfully, so You may receive the honor (moment of silent confession) . We pray through Christ our Lord. 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: *He*
Sing by Andy Williams: <https://youtu.be/BEMoXs8i5u4>

text by Richard Mullan; music by Jack Richards

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Quote from Mother Teresa:

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Special Music: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

text and music by Sy Millard & Jill Jackson

Sung by Voices of Hope Children's Choir: <https://youtu.be/bgL1v8FZaNM>

Scripture Reading: Matthew 12:28-31

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Reading from *The Preaching Life* by Barbara Brown Taylor:

"So love God. Love a neighbor. Be a neighbor, and let us not complicate things by arguing about specifics. You know what it means to do love because some time or another you have been on the receiving end of it, but remember that knowing the right answer does not change a thing. If you want the world to look different the next time you go outside, do some love. Do a little or do a lot, but do some, and do not forget some for yourself."

Special Music: *The Love of God*

text and music by Frederick M. Lehman

Sung by Wintley Phelps: https://youtu.be/Exyc7ci_hXk

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Quote from Thomas Merton:

"We do not see the Blinding One in black emptiness. He speaks to us gently in ten thousand things....He shines not on them but from within them." The Cosmic Christ...is present in all beings and is more than present; is radiating light and shining forth. The glory or doxa of the Christ beams from inside all of us.

Prayers of the People in Song: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

text and music by Bernadette Farrell

Sing along: <https://youtu.be/kt3Qc04ulOM>

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church, gathered today.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have

made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Quote from Max Lucado:

The Bible says that “The heavens declare the glory of God!” Our universe is God’s preeminent missionary. Doesn’t a painting suggest a painter? Don’t stars suggest a star maker? Doesn’t creation imply a creator? Now look within you. Look at your sense of right and wrong. Who told you a moral compass exists? What is this magnetic pole that pulls the needles on the compass of your conscience if not God? Heavens above, moral code within. God did this. The wonders above you and within you testify to his existence. But God not only made the world. He *loves* the world. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world.” Try that on for size. The one who formed you pulls for you. Untrumpable power stoked by unstoppable love!

Special Music: *How Great Thou Art*

text by Stuart Hine; music- a Swedish folk melody

Sing along with Chris Rice: <https://youtu.be/Cc0QVWzCv9k>

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings: Isaiah 40:31

...those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Offertory: *On Eagles Wings*

by Michael Jackson; arr. by Janet Vogt

Sung along: https://youtu.be/8IY_iTQf0GM

Doxology # 608

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

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

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.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Poem by William Blake:

I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see.
I sought my God, but my God eluded me.
I sought my brother, and I found all three.

Closing Hymn # 450 *Be Thou My Vision

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Sing along with: https://youtu.be/6CMclLT_Hjg

***Charge and Benediction**

Let us embrace the work and wonder of this week
with fresh commitment.

May we go forward together
in the power of the love of God
in the company of Jesus Christ
and by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Postlude: *Sing Praise to God

https://youtu.be/cEGQnIHHC_k

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