

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 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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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.
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Call to Worship:

The Word of God is planted in our hearts.
May our hearts be receptive to the Word.
The Love of God rains down on us.
May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.
The Breathe of God blows softly within us.
May our minds be stirred by the power of God's Spirit.

Hymn of Praise # 634 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

<https://youtu.be/JwI7TuLaPFs> - A Cappella Hymns

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

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:

Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about. Yet we confess that too often we do not know how to let go of our worries, our failures, our pride. Often we fear that our very lives will be dislocated by your kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that confront us daily so that we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain—and be embraced—in the name of Christ (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord comes to us with a new covenant, saying: "I will write my law on your hearts; I will forgive your wrongdoing and remember your sins no more." Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven; let us be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 443 *There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

<https://youtu.be/68nZLDjdYY> – Selah

**There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

Chorus:

**Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done**

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names

Precious Lamb of God Messiah

O for sinners slain (chorus)

When I stand in glory I will see His face

There I'll serve my King forever

In that holy place (chorus)

First Lesson: Psalm 121 KJV

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth,
and even for evermore.

Choir Anthem: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

text by Joseph Hart & Robert Robinson; music arr. by Austin C. Lovelace; based on RESTORATION
<https://youtu.be/bHL2OkULHVA> - First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte

Second Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Sermon: "Wrestling with God" (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.**

Gloria Patri # 581

GLORIA PATRI

<https://youtu.be/OLLG1RuCLcM> - First United Methodist Church of Marietta, GA

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Hymn of Meditation # 18 *In Christ Alone* (Songs of Worship)
<https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE> - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss

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

Prayers of the People:

Great God, Eternal Presence, Extravagant Persistence, thank you.

Thank you for the gift of prayer, for the light within us that burns and sometimes flickers,
as we hold onto the promise that you hear our prayers and bless us.

Thank you for this beautiful day and this glorious season of Autumn.

Thank you for moments of joy that make the difficulties of life more bearable.

Thank you for promises of faith:

that we are created in your image and that your love for us far outweighs our failings,
far outweighs the brokenness we all share.

God, our Creator, we pray for the world. For justice and peace among the nations,
for the miracle of your peace in all the places where war and violence plague our communities,
our countries, our world.

We especially pray this morning for those who are mourning the deaths of loved ones
who were just going about their lives in their neighborhood in Raleigh
and were shot by a 15-year-old—a teenager.

We pray for those recovering from gunshot wounds and for healing of the community.
God, help us to find a way to end such horrific and senseless violence.

We pray for those in need, for the sick and the disabled, for the unemployed and the lonely,
for the homeless and the hungry, for all on our prayer list and others we hold dear in our own hearts.
May they find hope and healing through caring people and resources, including us.

God the Giver of life, we pray for the dying and for those who have died.

For those whose loneliness seems unbearable,
may you enter into their hearts and minds with comfort and peace.

May we reach out to those we know who are grieving with loving companionship.

Guide our church, O God, in our desire to be faithful and effective.

Bless our elders and all the members of our church family
as we strive to listen to and be led by your Spirit.

It is by your mercy that you have given us Jesus, the Christ,
who came to show us the way of love and faithfulness.
In our desire to follow him, we pray the prayer he taught, saying, Our Father . . . Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Take a moment to consider the many ways that God has blessed you in the past week—through joyful and difficult moments—and be thankful. One of the ways we share our gratitude for God’s blessings is through the offering of our time, talents, and financial gifts. What will you offer to God this week? Let us receive this morning’s offering.

Offertory: *How Great Thou Art*

<https://youtu.be/pWXF9JTyN48> sung by Josh Turner and Sanya Isaacs

Doxology # 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

<https://youtu.be/qZfWUsFcaCA> - River Road Presbyterian Church

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known;

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Patient and loving God, as we give our gifts to you, lead us to that place where our prayers and our giving are focused on how we can make your love real to others. Use our gifts, use our prayers, as a force for compassion and peace in our hurting world. In the name of Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 683 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

COURTNEY

<https://youtu.be/oOZqgLMAt18> - The Orchard Enterprises

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day

Charge and Benediction:

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness.

Go from this time of worship

knowing that God’s blessings have been poured on you

so that you may be a blessing to others.

Be at peace and bring the good news of God’s love and peace

to all whom you meet.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you and God's beautiful and broken world
now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*

<https://youtu.be/rGX50IUCsik> sung by David Bromberg Band