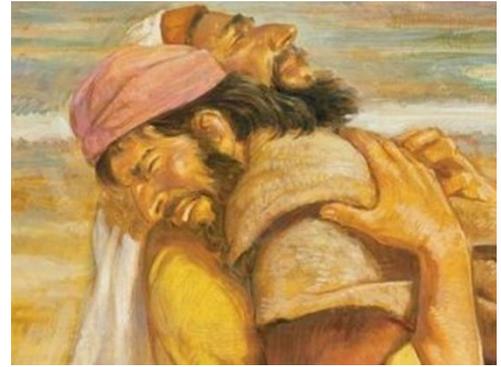


*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,
October 23, 2022
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
200 Chapel Drive, P.O. Box 386
Crossnore, NC 28616*



Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship: *Sound of Silence* Simon and Garfunkel
Sung by Pentatonix: <https://youtu.be/gdVjVtpr55M>

Call to Worship:

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Let us worship God today –
Because we are God's people.
Let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise # 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

<https://youtu.be/mgzRB4gEPf4> - sing along with Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:**

**Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.**

**Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.**

**Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence evermore!**

**Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

Call to Confession:

We can hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp, and keep holding, because we don't know what it would feel like to have that weight off us. And we think that is the way God operates as well. But God's anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, to restore is to bring back; so today we bring our hearts back to you, our thoughts back to love, and our prayers back to peace. We try to stay in this place, but we confess, it's never been that easy for us. We flirt with reconciliation and then back away. We come face-to-face with an opportunity for justice, but get scared. We are offered an opportunity to re-write our story, but we lose our way. Bring us back to this moment. Bring us back to your story where brothers extend grace to one another and forgiveness restores their relationship. Bring us back. Restore us. Forgive us (moment of silent confession). Gratefully we pray, **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The Lamb of God has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and service to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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: Ephesians 4:25-27, 31-32

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Special Music: *Oh Lord, Most Holy (Panis Angelicus)*

Cesar Franck; arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Performed by West Hartford Symphony Orchestra: <https://youtu.be/4DNg-zbGzyw>

Second Lesson: Genesis 33:1-17

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her

children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it. Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you." But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds, which are nursing, are a care to me; and if they are overdriven for one day, all the flocks will die. Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir." So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "Why should my lord be so kind to me?" So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his cattle; therefore the place is called Succoth.

Sermon: "The Long Road to Forgiveness" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: A Portion of the Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us.

**He is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.**

**This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all we confess
about God, humanity, and the world.**

**Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

Gloria Patri # 581

<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 # 761 *Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

<https://youtu.be/5SqaZEjJtbg> - Sing along with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir

**Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end**

**Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace**

Prayers of the People:

Almighty God,
all thoughts of truth and peace proceed from you.
Kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace.
Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquility your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

Creator God,
in love you have fashioned the human family
in a variety of races, languages, and cultures.
Do not let our diversity divide us,
but help us to welcome gifts
we can give and receive from one another.
Save us from prejudice, arrogance and fear,
and teach us how to live together
as members of one family,
sharing one home,
and the children of one God.

Bless the homes in which your people live, O God,
and strengthen the bonds of love
between spouses, partners, parent and child, sisters and brothers.
Make our homes places of refuge and sources of strength
where we support and encourage each other.
When conflict and tension arise
help us to work out our differences in honest dialogue,
trusting that you will give us grace to forgive
and strength to love in even the most difficult times.

God of our lives,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
we are the Body of Christ in this time and place
and we have been drawn together by one baptism into one faith,
serving one Lord and Savior.
Do not let us tear away from one another
through division or hard argument.

May your peace embrace our differences,
preserving us in unity,
as one body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer these prayers in the name of the one who taught his disciples to pray: Our Father...Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

In this moment of our lives, we are called to rejoice and give thanks for all we have been given. We make our offering for our community of faith and for the wider world through our ministry and mission. Let us receive this morning's offering.

***Doxology # 609**

<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:**

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.

Closing Hymn # 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

HALL

<https://youtu.be/FRfzx7Xc1tA> - Sing along with the Sheltering-In Choir for Virtual Worship at FPC, Downey, CA

**Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

**Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.**

**Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

Charge and Benediction:

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,
the love of God be reflected in your hands,
the wisdom of God be reflected in your words,
and the knowledge of God flow from your heart,
that all might see, and seeing, believe. Amen.

Postlude: *Day by Day* from the Original Cast of Godspell

<https://youtu.be/zWAqW5D5kZo>