

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day  
The First Sunday in the Season of Lent, February 26, 2023  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church  
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**Prelude: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley***

Catholic Choir: <https://youtu.be/Sbv-kYjak08>

**Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)**

**Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord***

Marantha Music: <https://youtu.be/Sbv-kYjak08>

**Call to Worship:**

We enter this season of Lent, knowing the wilderness is ahead;

**Prepare us, O God, to face whatever adversity may come.**

We enter this week, uncertain of the distractions that might arrive;

**Help us, O God, to keep our minds on You.**

We enter this day, hoping to set our hearts on Christ;

**Keep us, O God, to the way of faith.**

We enter this time of worship, dependent upon our God;

**Show us, O God, Your way, Your truth, and Your life.**

**Hymn of Praise # 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory***

The Hymnal Project: [https://youtu.be/MW\\_F1MMH2r4](https://youtu.be/MW_F1MMH2r4)

**Call to Confession:**

In this Season of Lent, Christ calls us to be honest about the whole of our lives and to come to God with our sin, our shadows, our temptations. Let us confess our sins before God and each other.

**Litany of Confession: (based on Psalm 51)**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin!**

**For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

**Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or we would give it;**

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**Our sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;**

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(moment of silent confession)

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: (based on Psalm 91)**

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord;

**I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble.

**I will rescue them and honor them**

**and show them my salvation.**

Receive the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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

Keith Green: [https://youtu.be/7w\\_K9vTIGHY](https://youtu.be/7w_K9vTIGHY)

**First Lesson: James 1:13-18**

No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

**Special Music: *God So Loved the World***

Te Deum Concert Choir: <https://youtu.be/phWMcwYv9g4>

**Second Lesson: Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "on their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Sermon: "Trust and Temptation" (PDF attachment)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Special Music: *It is Well With My Soul***

Acapeldridge: <https://youtu.be/ZYrL9ea1XUg>

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**We believe in God, Father, Creator and Creating;  
who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy,  
and sustains us in our suffering.**

**God's power is open to us; we trust him.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man.  
His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope;  
in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered  
forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation  
from brokenness, release from despair.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world.  
By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church,  
to celebrate his love, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
to share with him in Baptism and to eat at his Table.**

**Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people,  
we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love,  
to pray for one another, to care for one another,  
to reach out to the world with love and justice and hope.**

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 215 *What Wondrous Love is This***  
[https://youtu.be/u\\_0AX5Opgs0](https://youtu.be/u_0AX5Opgs0)

**Prayers of the People:**

Almighty God, **be** with us as we contend with our lives and all our challenges.  
Thank you for listening as we bring before you the troubles that undermine us.

We affirm, it is written, "One does not live by bread alone."  
Strengthen and sustain our families and our communities.  
Nurture the bonds between us and inspire us to live with empathy and forgiveness.  
Help those struggling with work or facing uncertainty in their futures,  
that they may find peace in your abundant love.  
Jesus, our Redeemer, rescue us when we stumble.

We proclaim, it is written,  
"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."  
Enable us to admit the temptations of the world,  
and support us to resist turning away from your teaching.  
Awaken us to recognize the gifts you have given each one of us,  
and to see the role we can play in healing your creation.  
Be with our leaders and those around the world,  
that they may act with compassion and generosity.  
Guide them to humbly serve their own countries  
and to foster peace across our borders.  
God, our Creator, inspire us with renewed hope.

We acknowledge, it is written,  
"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."  
Deepen our faith to hear your word and follow your way.  
Encourage us to bring all our hopes and desires to you in prayer,  
that in lifting up our souls to you, we may be shaped by your love.  
Help us to hear the dialogue of prayer,  
and to listen in prayer as much as we speak.

Comfort those battling ill health to bear their pain  
with patience, courage, and hope in your healing.  
Holy Spirit, our Comforter, sustain us in our times of trial.  
All this we pray, assured by your eternal love,  
as we share in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples,  
Our Father...Amen.

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

God showers blessings upon us fresh with each new morning. Let us express our deep gratitude by dedicating our lives—our time, our resources, our talents—to God to be blessed and multiplied. Let us receive this morning's offering.

**Doxology # 606**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; may we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn # 649 *Amazing Grace***

**Celtic Woman: <https://youtu.be/8Fh4ybwRP2I>**

**Charge and Benediction:**

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:  
walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God  
walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High  
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

**Postlude: *I Love to Tell the Story***

**Alan Jackson: [https://youtu.be/OrCpKa\\_xOcE](https://youtu.be/OrCpKa_xOcE)**

