

*Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 5, 2023
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship # 627 *I Love You, Lord*
Marantha Music: <https://youtu.be/Sbv-kYjak08>

I LOVE YOU, LORD

Call to Worship:

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth,

For God is found among us.

Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

God is here among us.

Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.

Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way. Let us worship together in faith.

Hymn of Praise # 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Carrie Underwood and CeCe Winans: <https://youtu.be/NT0HcAr9ael>

Call to Confession:

Trusting in God, in God's grace and mercy, in God's desire for wholeness and healing, let us make our confession before God and each other.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a burden on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation, of wholeness, offered us each day through Jesus Christ (moment of silent confession). We pray in the name of our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed!

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

GREEN

Keith Green: https://youtu.be/7w_K9vTIGHY

First Lesson: Romans 4:1-3, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the

law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Special Music: *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

PROMISE

<https://youtu.be/sDpByzZqeQ4>

Second Lesson: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: “Night Lessons” (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

Through this invitation to share our gifts, we acknowledge that God has blessed us abundantly, and that we are to be a blessing to the world. In the very act of giving, in every act of bestowing blessings on another, we find that we are blessed yet again. I encourage you now to enter fully into this amazing circle of blessing. Let us receive this morning’s offering.

Doxology # 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation # 509 *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

Second Church: <https://youtu.be/yTDaPr2b8Yg>

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.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to them.
Their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

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

Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
And even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.
Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Sanctus: Hymn # 552

<https://youtu.be/18-zR12rWqY>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed strangers.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

Words of Institution:

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died, took 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.***

Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.

Memorial Acclamation: Hymn # 553

<https://youtu.be/xskLiBXZwO8>

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and cup
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and with one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
now and forever. Amen.**

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 with the power of your Spirit
that we may continue to proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

KELVINGROVE

<https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU>

Charge and Benediction:

Go with a tender and grateful heart,
remembering that you may be the only gospel that your neighbor reads this week.

So, in all you say and do, spread the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the friendship of the Holy Spirit.
Go in peace and serve the Lord by serving others. Amen.