

**Worship for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2020  
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

**Gathering**

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Opportunities to Connect**

**A Blessing of Peace**

**Centering**

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**Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship Litany**

*Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.  
God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.  
We struggle and worry.  
God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.  
Listen for God's call to you.  
Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## Hearing

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### Hymn of Praise No. 310 - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.*

### A Reading from the Gospels - Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*This is the word of the Lord...  
Thanks be to God.*

### A Moment for Children

### A Time of Reflection

*One of the main tasks of theology is to find words that do not divide but unite,  
that do not create conflict but unity, that do not hurt but heal. - Henri Nouwen*

### Worship in Song - Jessie Bollen

## A Reading from the Gospels - Mark 9:38-41

*John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.*

*This is the word of the Lord...  
Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn of Discipleship No. 8 - "Glorify Thy Name"

*Father, we love You  
We worship and adore you  
Glorify your name in all the earth  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name in all the earth*

*Jesus, we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify your name in all the earth  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name in all the earth*

*Spirit, we love You  
We worship and adore You  
Glorify your name in all the earth  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name  
Glorify your name in all the earth*

## Sermon "Seeing Clearly: Being Like Jesus"

### Responding

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### Silence and Meditation

*To love and pray for your enemies is actually something much more radical:  
destroying the label of enemy altogether. - Tripp Fuller*

## Hymn of Response No. 507 - "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*Lord, I want to be a Christian  
In my heart, in my heart  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
In my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
In my heart.*

### Enacting

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## Benediction and Blessing

### Hymn of Parting "An Old Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we  
meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

### Postlude

### **A Note about the Colors in Our Sanctuary**

Crosscreek is a congregation that follows the liturgical year. This means that we recognize the major seasons of the church calendar: Advent, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Each of these seasons is represented by a different color and presentation in our sanctuary.

We follow this liturgical calendar as a reminder that as Christians we are to order our lives differently, we are to order our lives to a higher calling.

Currently, we are between these “high” seasons and in the longest season of the church year - Ordinary Time. Typically, we will refer to this season as “The \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday after \_\_\_\_\_,” denoting that it is a Sunday falling between the high liturgical seasons of the church.

The color for the season of Ordinary Time is green. Among other places, you will see this color in the pastor’s stole, in table decorations, and in wall hangings. Green is the color of growth, and it helps to remind us that ordinary time can be beautiful and meaningful.

As we journey together in this season of growth, in what ways are you being asked to grow? How is God changing you?

May we all allow God’s grace to change us in every season and in this “Ordinary Time.”