



# Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE MUSIC

*Raison D'Etre*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Psalm 96)*

- One: Sing to the Lord a new song;  
ALL: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**  
One: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
ALL: **proclaim his salvation day after day.**  
One: Let us worship God!

\* HYMN # 244                      Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.



**TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* GLORIA PATRI**

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

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Raison D'Etre*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

**SERMON**

*Faith*

The Rev. Chris Torrey

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Raison D'Etre*

**GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**UNISON PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

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

**SENDING**

**\* HYMN # 538                      Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE AND SENDING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**CLOSING MUSIC**

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# Raison D'Être

*"Three Women who Know Their Reason for Being"*



**Violet Rae Webster** (guitar, vocals, percussion, ukulele),

**Vickie Ellis** (keys, banjo, banjoke, percussion, vocals), and

**Roberta Schultz** (guitar, vocals, percussion, mandolin, bass)

are three women who live to sing together.

Described by one critic as "divinely stirring," their singing seems to define this team of singer songwriters "...the folk trio offers "some of the finest three-part harmony singing you'll likely ever hear." However, when these women invite you around their hearth of heart, it's for the purpose of sharing life's journey through original songs about love, loss, and redemption.

Traditional folk songs, a capella swing tunes, and cowboy anthems round out this trio's versatile repertoire, all delivered in their pure Kentucky blend. This folk trio appears at arts venues and festivals from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Blue Ridge to the Ozarks.



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*Raise on, and don't defer those dreams!*

