



Welcome to  
**Crestholme Presbyterian Church's  
Worship-at-Home Kit**

**The 4th Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020**

Alone or with Family — Right Now, or at 11 on Sunday  
Read (all the parts, out loud), Sing, Pray, Give....  
Click on the Links for Sing-a-Long or Toe-Tapping music

### **Gather For Worship**

#### **Our Musical Preparation / Prelude**

“Pachelbel’s Canon in D”

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q4k6PiXBNA&feature=emb\\_logo&time\\_continue=32](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=-Q4k6PiXBNA&feature=emb_logo&time_continue=32)

Awesome Music... Shared Together... Played Separately!

#### **Responsive Call to Worship**

One: Over the centuries, people of faith have gathered to worship...

At the Foot of a Cruel Cross

All: and at the Entrance of any Empty Tomb.

One: Cowering disciples in a locked Upper Room.

All: and at Table together in small town Emmaus.

One: Musty Catacombs were not European Cathedrals

All: and Soaring Cathedrals were not Rome’s catacombs.

One: St. Paul was in prison

All: and small groups gathered in homes.

One: A pretty Church on the Town Square

All: and a contemporary Urban Church’s busy Campus.

One: And, this morning, here we are —

All: physically separate yet spiritually together:

One: I’m in my \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank!)

All: Oh, and... God was also always present wherever we gathered!

So, together, this morning, Let’s Worship God!

#### **Opening Hymn**

“O Worship The King All Glorious Above”

Blue, # 476

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAI5pWbjKQc>

#### **Prayer of Confession**

“Too often, O God of Things Both Big and Small,

I set my sights so low... that when I smugly accomplish a “little thing,”

I think I’m done for the day!

Now, don’t get me wrong — many of those little things are also important things,

they also deserve to be done.

But, that’s not all that needs doing!

You've also given me Your world to care for, Your people to love! That's Big!  
Help me live into Your much bigger call and challenge.

Yes, both / and:

Give me little tasks that I can actually do...

things I can reasonably accomplish... gifts that I can generously give.

And keep Your huge challenges also in front of me...

that invite me to trust and to stretch... work that we can systemically do.

It's so easy to shrink my priorities and lose sight of Yours.

Forgive my timid smallness, O God of Grace.

Open my hands and heart,

Kindle my imagination,

Awaken my courage, O God of Glory!

I join my sisters and brothers, trusting in Your gracious forgiveness! Amen.

### **God's Assurance of Forgiveness**

"Because God Loves Me, I Am Forgiven!

It's as simple, and as profound, as that!"

## **Hear the Word of God**

**The Biblical Story for The Day**      Acts 2. 42      "The Message"

"They committed themselves to

the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers."

Go ahead, read the whole chapter, please. Then, focus on verse 42's Four Commitments!

**Our Choir's Anthem.** "How Great Thou Art" track 12 from our choir's cd: "Our Father's World"

<http://www.crestholmeperc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/16-How-Great-Thou-Art.mp3>

**Time with Our Children — Time to Be a Child!**

<https://youtu.be/Weugc4TPwrM?list=RDWeugc4TPwrM>

Don't remember the words? Ask, and I'll send 'em... sing along!

**Today's Sermon / Our Story**      "Let's Go! Together!"

Tom Heger

I'd sure like to know where we're going.

And when we'll get "there."

And just what "there" will look like.

I'd love to have just a little bit of control, please!

I'll bet those first bewildered disciples had similar... wonderings... anxieties... curiosities!

In the weeks after the First Easter... lots of "OK, now what?"

It was as though it was the Eighth Day of Creation: Brand New! Time to be creative!

Let's — yes, build on what we've long cherished, and — let's participate in God's "new thing!"

Worship on traditional Friday at the traditional Temple, just the Jewish men?

Or on the First Day of the Week, around table, with my new vastly extended family?

Which precious stories do we repeat? And tell our children?

Which of my experiences become normative, a foundation for tomorrow's faith?

Today, in our hurried and harried weeks after Easter...

Then, in their similarly chaotic yet creative weeks after the First Easter...

Something new is breaking forth! Wise visionary Isaiah (43. 19) hopes that we can see it!

Sallie Watson, friend and Presbytery Exec, is fond of reminding us that our context for ministry is far more like the First Century's world than like our last Century's. And, again, she's right!

(( Insert my annual after-Easter predictable groaner bad joke here:

“What did the discouraged disciples do after Easter?

They went back to Galilee and opened a Jewish delicatessen.

They named it: “Cheeses of Nazareth!” ))

So, both hands:

with one hand we are firmly held by God's Own comforting-and-leading hand....

with the other, like the Potter's clay-shaping hand: being used by the Creator  
to shape a new future, a new congregation, a new reality!

Equal doses of risky, “Try it... and see!”

and “Nice try! Of course you're forgiven! Now, try something else!”

Remember the Chinese definition of “crisis” 危機 : “Dangerous Opportunity!” Ours is!

A friend quips, “Tomorrow's Church... arrived early!” Yup! It's here already! Won't wait!

That earliest church focused on their four identity-forming purposes / commitments:

“... teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.”

(Wow! That's the whole Book of Order in 13 simple, clear words!)

Our three highest values are similarly simple... and life-transforming:

Compassion. Generosity. Hospitality.

(Wow! Crestholme in three deep value roots, three life-giving actions!)

Just imagine — yes, picture it! — how God will blend our gifts and the world's needs!

Then... let's do it!

Together... we are the Church!

How did the kids just sing it?

“I am the church! You are the church! We are the church... together...!”

Sing it again. Live it anew. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith**

The 23rd Psalm

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=KJV>

## **Respond in Love and Service**

### **Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings**

“In Jesus' name, Live your Gifts! In Jesus' name, Give your Gifts!”

Please, mail your gifts and offerings to the church:

Crestholme Presbyterian Church

PO Box 23919. SA TX 78223-0901

## Prayer of Dedication

“Accept these our gifts, as You have already accepted us!  
Use them, as You are already using us!  
Bless them, as You so generously bless us!  
In the name of the God Who is still Creating and Calling,  
still Loving and Leading, still Comforting and Challenging. Amen.

## Opportunities to Serve and Share

What do you most need to do / give? Do it! Give it!  
Next Sunday “should be” Habitat’s “Holy Smoke.” Postponed! Help Habitat from home!

## The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

For all those hurt by the COVID-19 pandemic: medical hurt, economic hurt...  
For our Military and their Families, our First Responders, our Health Workers, Clerks...  
For \_\_\_\_ (pray for that precious one), and \_\_\_\_ (pray for yourself, also a precious one!)  
“Lord, in Your mercy! Hear our prayer!”

## Closing Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Blue # 276

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfH5k&list=RDErwiBz1QA4o&index=8>

## Benediction

Go out into the world in peace  
Have courage  
Hold on to what is good  
Return no one evil for evil  
Strengthen the fainthearted  
Support the weak  
Help the suffering  
Honor all men and women,  
Little boys and little girls  
Love and serve each other  
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen!

## Postlude

Trust me, just click on it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-fXcO9N8o>

Save this one till... this afternoon! Then click and enjoy!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8T7Y-E6E\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8T7Y-E6E_w)

They’re both... more than great music, they’re powerful parables!  
Separate individuals... working apart... yet creating something beautiful together!  
Sounds just like Crestholme, during this “interim period”!

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