

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020**



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**Worship... Together, from Home!
Alone or with Family — Right Now, or at 11 on Sunday
Read (all the parts, out loud), Sing, Pray....**

PRELUDE "Carry the Light" #13
<http://www.crestholmeipc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/13-Carry-the-Light.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

WELCOME BEAUTIFUL SAINTS OF GOD!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Psalm 66 - Let All The Earth"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqh81gZi4M> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Read out loud by yourself or with a loved one

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

LOVED ONE: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

LOVED ONE: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

LOVED ONE: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

LOVED ONE: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

LOVED ONE: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

YOU: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

Risen Lord Jesus, you are the bread of Life. It is you who birthed us. It is you who sustains us. It is you who gives us eternal life. Let your light shine in us, to us, through us, and beyond us so that those we encounter today may believe that you are alive forever more. Amen

Opening Hymn "Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNvoTbO8JFg> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, forgive us for how foolish we are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! You, the Messiah had to suffer. You took our pain and bore our suffering. You were considered punished by God, stricken by him and afflicted. You were pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; and the punishment that brought us peace was upon you. By your wounds we are healed. Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over. Open our eyes and allow us to recognize you -- because our hearts burn within us as you open the Scriptures to us. It is true! You Lord, are risen indeed. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. Saints of God, In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Abba Father, as your Spirit was hovering over the waters and you spoke, "Let there be light" and there was light, so speak into our hearts today and allow your light, Jesus Christ, to shine within and through us. Amen

PSALTER READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!" ... What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants. Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains. I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD. I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD—in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other

about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



Children's Time

The Butterfly Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imO2NiKo_AQ&list=PLONnQ-KywMA2ZA0YiZLXIY21z7XB5WZwy&index=4 (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

SERMON

"What to do in the in-between?"
Luke 24:13-35

Carlos Baladez



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We know what to do in the beginning. We are pretty good about knowing what to do in the end. But what about the in-between?

Jesus had just been crucified. Our hopes gone up in smoke. Now what? He told us that he would rise from the dead, but could he not just as well been kept from the cross in the first place? After all, he was the anointed one, the only begotten of the Father. When Jesus was crucified, so were our hopes. He died, our hopes followed. And when he was buried, our hope was buried with him.

In the beginning, we welcomed him. In the end we buried him. Now, in the in-between what do we do? In-between his death and his promise ... We go in the opposite direction of our initial hopes. What else are we to do?

Lo and behold if we do not meet a stranger who asks us a most impertinent question, "What's going on?" What! Do you not know? Are you the only one left out in the dark? Did you just arrived on the scene? Well, since you asked, Jesus our Hope and Messiah has just been crucified. He died and he has been buried. That's what's "Going on!"

Now, the stranger takes these disciples to town and answers his own question. He lets them in on "What's really going on." Resurrection! Hope renewed. No, Hope made alive for evermore. Hope never to die again. The stranger starts to let them in on what's really going on. What is going on is the fulfillment of God's promises. He, our hope will live forever more. Our sins, all of them, moved out of the way. No longer a barrier between God and us. Surely our hearts burn as we hear the resurrected Christ speak to us. Confidently we recognize him in the breaking of the bread. The metaphor and the reality coming together in one. The bread that came down from heaven broken for us now breaks the bread before us. It is him! Jesus is alive! Let's go tell....

HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEE5MvoT3oI> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

THIS WE BELIEVE:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please, continue to support the life and work of Crestholme. You can mail your tithes pledges and offerings to...

CPC
PO Box 23919.
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again.
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of our fathers, to you we bring ourselves and these gifts which you have bestowed upon us. To you alone belongs all glory, and honor and praise. We beseech you to bless and multiply these gifts for your glory, and honor, and your kingdom's work. In Jesus' name, amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Here, in your own words, pray and intercede for others and for yourself followed by the Lord's Prayer.

CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6k_mwNqFdQ (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

BENEDICTION:

[With our hands lifted unto the Lord and a heart full of grace and love, receive this blessing in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!]

May the fear of the Lord dwell in your hearts. May you walk joyfully in obedience to him. May you eat the fruit of your labor. May you and your family be fruitful and be like olive shoots around your table. May the Lord bless you and prosper you all the days of your life and may you live long in His joy. Now, may the peace of the Lord be upon you and yours forever more. Amen

We have temporarily closed our congregation's campus — no group activities, no church programs, no shared-space partners' programs, no Food Pantry or Clothes Closet... to honor the White House's Guidelines and the City's Emergency Directives and to protect our vulnerable volunteers and members and neighbors during these perilous COVID-19 days.

But that does not mean that we've... gone away.

How can we support you? Your prayer life? Your every-day needs and cares?

Yes, "Social distance!" But, NO, not "Emotional distance!" Help us connect and care!

There's an active "hug train" — our phone tree. Would you make a call or two? Would you like to be called? Chat with Carlos at: crbaladez@yahoo.com or 210 324 5665.

There are lots of "little things" that are quite important for us — for someone — to continue to do. Got an hour? Some of our members could use a hand with... shopping, "essential errands," every-day little things. Got a hand?

Blessings!

