



Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE HOME
JUNE 21, 2020

This morning we all worship in our own homes,
but are together in spirit with our Crestholme Family

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church**

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

PRELUDE

"This Is My Father's World"

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<http://www.crestholmeperc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/04-Sing-A-Song-of-Peace.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

WELCOME BEAUTIFUL SAINTS OF GOD!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Holy is the Lord"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNxptH5bmBs>

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

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in God's works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

Almighty God, we humble ourselves under your hand, that you may lift us up in due time. We cast all your anxiety on you because you care for us. Amen

Opening Hymn

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-14q2ufiiHo>

Prayer of Confession:

God of wind and flame, you pour out your Spirit on all your children, empowering the least and the lofty to tell of your mighty deeds. We hear the sound and feel the heat, but instead of recognizing your presence among us, we sneer and refuse to believe you speak through people we would not choose to proclaim your message. Forgive us for attempting to limit your Spirit. Silence our cynicism and possess us with your word of grace. Make us your witnesses, those who break down dividing walls between people and relish the new community made possible through the life and love of Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Friends, believe the Good News, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vWOiak5mlY>

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Abba Father, as your son Jesus opened the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf so open ours that we may see, hear, and believe what your Spirit is saying to us today. We pray, ask beseeching in the only name given among men through which we might be saved, Jesus. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:1b-11

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15b-23

Children's Time

What happens when God the Father
God the Son
God the Holy Spirit
Comes to dwell in us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEyRoj2sFc4>

SERMON

Alive to God in Christ Jesus

(Larry Sears)

I found out Wednesday that Father's Day is this Sunday. This year is so messed up for me I can't even keep up with important dates. First of all, Happy Father's Day to all you dads.

Some of us have fathers that were not good role models in our lives. In looking back, we can say we know what a bad father was. It gives us a contrast to our heavenly Father, Who is good, and knows how to love us and all of His creation. For those who have loving fathers, it gives us a foundation to begin understanding God our Father, and His role in our lives.

With those thoughts in mind, let's take a look at one way God wants to show His love for us.

I have a Russian Bible that translates the Hebrew and Greek Testaments into Russian. John 1:1-3 is pretty close to the King James Version we are used to. ¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

²*The same was in the beginning with God.* ³*All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* ⁴*In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* Verse 4 is a little different. The Russian translation says, *In Him life was imprisoned.* To be able to imprison or confine something requires that the container be bigger than that which is contained. Keep that thought in mind for a minute.

The disciples were talking to Jesus; struggling to understand everything He was telling them. The conversation is in John 14. Jesus makes this promise to them. *"If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. ...you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."* Now things get complicated.

A minute ago I said that to confine something, requires that the container be bigger than that which is contained. Jesus has just told the disciples that He, the Father, and the Spirit will be in them. This is definitely one of the BIG mysteries of God. He will make His home in us. Jesus prays for all believers in John 17. ²⁰*"My prayer is not for them (the disciples) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me*

through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you ^[e] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

What Jesus prayed was that the love of the Father for His only begotten Son is the same love the Father has for you and me. That love allows God to dwell in us and be with us. God loves YOU with the same love that He has for Jesus the Christ.

This is a short meditation today. Take some time to thank God for His blessings given in love. Think about what it means for God to dwell in us. He brings all His love and His gifts and freely gives them to us. What response will you give to this kind of unselfish giving?

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. (John 15:9)

HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EVPVS9EGeQ>

THIS WE BELIEVE:

Our God arises and his enemies are scattered, his foes flee before him. We sing to God, we sing in praise of his name, we extol him who rides on the clouds; we rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. Amen.

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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>

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abba Father, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to your son Jesus. Accept this offering and multiply it so that your servants may preach your message going forth and making disciples of all people groups. May your servants baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach the nations to obey everything you have commanded us for surely your son Jesus is with us always, to the very end of the age. In Jesus' name, Father, 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

"This is the Air I Breathe"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEDcKZB7r2A>

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!]

Now, go forth singing to God, singing praise to the Lord, to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice. Go, and proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens. Declare him awesome in his sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

Praise be to God. 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 Larry at: larryrsears@gmail.com or call: 210-240-7609

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!