

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
June 28, 2020**



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

**PRELUDE**

“Rock-A- My Soul”

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<http://www.crestholmepc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/08-Rock-a-My-Soul.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink) This prelude is from OUR CHOIR’s 2013 cd called, “Our Father’s World.” Those are our choir’s voices, your voices!

**WELCOME BEAUTIFUL SAINTS OF GOD!**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYd44tfCgEg>  
(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:** The LORD is our light and our salvation whom shall we fear? The LORD is the stronghold of our lives of whom shall we be afraid?

**LOVED ONE:** When the wicked advance against us to devour us, it is our enemies and our foes who will stumble and fall.

**YOU:** Though an army besiege us, our hearts will not fear; though war break out against us, even then we will be confident.

**LOVED ONE:** One thing we ask from the LORD, this only do we seek: that we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

**YOU:** For in the day of trouble he will keep us safe in his dwelling; he will hide us in the shelter of his sacred tent and set us high upon a rock.

**ALL:** Then our heads will be exalted above the enemies who surround us; at his sacred tent we will sacrifice with shouts of joy; we will sing and make music to the LORD.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Read out loud

Almighty God, Whom have we in heaven but you? And earth has nothing we desire besides you. Our flesh and our hearts may fail, but you God are the strength of our hearts and our portion forever. Amen

**Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb\\_EvQkHYyM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb_EvQkHYyM) (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

**Prayer of Confession:**

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, oh amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved wretches like us. We once were lost, but now we are found. We were blind but now we see. It was Grace that taught our hearts to fear and Grace, our fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear, the hour we first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come. T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far and Grace will lead us home. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness:**

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith--and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Halleluiah! Amen.

## **GLORIA PATRI**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKL\\_IswBRbU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKL_IswBRbU) (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God. Open our eyes and our ears afresh and allow us to see and hear what the Father is doing and saying. In your name we ask Lord Jesus, Amen.

## **BOOK OF PSALMS**

## **Psalm 13**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps+13&version=NIV>

## **GOSPEL READING**

## **Matthew 10:40-42**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+10.40-42&version=NIV>

## **Children's Time**

### **Loyalty**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbRX073HCCM> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

## **SERMON**

"The LORD Reigns!"

Carlos Baladez

Psalm 97:1

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;  
let the distant shores rejoice.

Listen. It's not easy but it's good. (Please pause after reading each line.)

Love. It's not easy but it's good.

Forgive. It's not easy but it's good.

Rejoice at all times. It's not easy but it's good.

Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. It's not easy but it's good.

Give thanks in all things. It's not easy but it's good.

Walk the talk and talk the walk. It's not easy but it's good.

The road to Calvary is not easy but it's good.

Crucifying the flesh daily. It's not easy but it's good.

Confess your sins one to another. It's not easy but it's good.

Life. It's not easy but it's very good.

Hear the invitation from Jesus to you and me!

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart; and you will find rest. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2BXeZCDTgA> And meditate on the words of Jesus you just read above...

The yoke Jesus offers us is EASY. And his burden is LIGHT, to boot. Now read the message again with new eyes and ears.

Listen. Listening yoked with Jesus is EASY!

Love. Loving yoked with Jesus is EASY!

Forgiving. Forgiving yoked with Jesus is EASY!

Reign. Reigning yoked with Jesus is EASY!

AND the burden to live, love, forgive, reign, etc., is LIGHT!

God reigns! Indeed!!!

HALLELUJAH!

To God be the glory now and forever, amen!

**HYMN**

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5LN1ZvwWfs> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

**THIS WE BELIEVE:**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. 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=tQUTvMtUhw4> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Abba God, thank you for providing us with this place of belonging. In gratitude, we bring these gifts to you to multiply in your Church, and as we do, we say to you, "we love you!" We appreciate the opportunity to show you our love - which we first received from you through Jesus our Lord. Out of love we give, for you have loved us so much more. 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** "Blessed Assurance"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcLEIEm64M> (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!]

The Lord Bless You and Keep You!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akT32E83zjI> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Amen

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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](mailto: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!