

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 02, 2020**



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

Worship is a response to the Word of God. It is not something we initiate on our own. Therefore, hear the Word of the Lord, “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!”

PRELUDE

“It Is No Secret”

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<http://www.crestholmepc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/07-It-Is-No-Secret.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

WELCOME, BODY OF CHRIST!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Lord I need You”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuvfMDhTyMA> (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: We rejoiced with those who said to us, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

LOVED ONE: We lift up our eyes to the mountains—where does our help come from?

YOU: Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

LOVED ONE: He will not let our feet slip—he who watches over us will not slumber

YOU: The Lord watches over us—the Lord is our shade at our right hand; the sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night.

ALL: We rejoiced with those who said to us, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

O Lord, you will keep us from all harm—you will watch over our lives; you O Lord will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen

Opening Hymn “O That I Had A Thousand Voices”

Take a deep breath! Picture Cathie leading us in this hymn and sing along in silence....listen. Rest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ifE8sCw6zc> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Prayer of Confession:

Answer us when we call to you, O our righteous God. Give us relief from our distress; be merciful to us and hear our prayers. How long will humanity turn your glory into shame? How long will your people love delusions and seek false gods? In our anger we have sinned; though you continue to search our hearts for love. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to follow your teaching and live a life that is pleasing to you, so that your face may once again shine upon us. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.

The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyVhCz5XzXI> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=gen+32.22-31&version=NIV>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:13-21

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=MT+14.13-21&version=NIV>

Children's Time What a Beautiful Name

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

SERMON

“Pray for Your Brothers and Sisters”

Carlos Baladez

Ephesians 6:18

“In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.”

Let us consider this verse together. It calls our earthly experience an ongoing warfare. Covid-19, unemployment, volatile demonstrations, uninsured healthcare, crime, drug wars, human trafficking, disease, and international conflicts.

“Warfare” sure sounds like an appropriate description.

Notice it also tell us how to pray; “hard and long.” In other words, make prayer an ongoing experience. Pray without ceasing. Let prayer be our default. Let us take everything to God in prayer and go to him first. Always.

It tells us who to pray for; “our brothers and sisters.” We are all in this together. No one gets to be where they are at on their own. Teachers had teachers. Parents had parents. Doctors had doctors. We all need each other. Let’s have each other’s back.

“Keep your eyes open.” Or to put it another way, let us be conscious of our words, behaviors, thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes. Be Alert. Be discerning. Be discreet. Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be loving. Be aware!

Finally, it tells us to keep each other’s spirits up. Why? “So that no one falls behind or drops out.” In other words, keep discouragement at bay. Proverbs 17:22 states, “A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.”

With this in mind, let us pray for each other. Bless each other. (A side note, blessed means, “happy”). Happy thoughts make for a happy person, a happy experience. Happy thoughts are reflected in a happy facial expression busting into joy!



With this message in mind, choose one of the following prayers and pray for your brothers and sisters.

Lord I pray that you bless (The name of your brother or sister here) and keep (Name Of Person); Lord make your face shine on (Name Of Person), and be gracious to (Name Of Person),_ Lord turn your face toward (Name Of Person), and give (Name Of Person), peace. Amen.

Or

Lord, you are (Name of Person) shepherd; I pray (he/she) will not lack. You Lord make (Name of Person) to lie down in green pastures: you lead (Name of Person) besides the still waters. You Lord restore (Name of Person) soul: you lead (Name of Person) in the path of righteousness for your name’s sake. Amen

Or

Heavenly Father, I pray for (Name of Person), that according to the riches of your glory you may grant (Name of Person) to be strengthened with power through your Spirit in (his or her) inner being, so that Christ may dwell in (his or her) heart through faith—that (Name of Person), being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that (Name of Person) may be filled with all the fullness of God. In Jesus' name, amen.

Or

A prayer for the individual growth of each other. This prayer is taken from the book, *“Prayers That Avail Much”* by Germaine Copeland.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we in our prayer group desire that our prayers avail much. We are individuals who are mutually dependent on one another, having gifts, faculties, talents, qualities that differ according to the grace given us. We, who with unveiled faces all reflect Your glory, are being transformed into Your likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from You, Who are the Spirit.

Father, we realize that You know what we have need of before we ask and that we are not all growing in the same manner or on the same time schedule, but we are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We give each other space to grow, for we are becoming a patient people, bearing with one another and making allowances because we love one another. We acknowledge that we do not have dominion over each other, and we refuse to lord it over one another's faith, but we are fellow laborers to promote one another's joy, because it is by faith that we stand firm. In Jesus' name, amen.

Or

A prayer of your own. The important thing here is loving obedience, taking the time and actually praying for each other. After you pray, you may wish to e-mail, call, or text the person you prayed for and let them know your experience as you prayed for them. Also, consider making this a daily experience. Pray. Pray now. Pray today. And keep on praying.



Please pray. Look for your name and pray for the person before and after your name...If your name is not on this list, please forgive me. Insert your name in the appropriate alphabetical order and pray for the person before and after your name.

Cara Abazar, Randy Anderson, Fred Archer, Carlos Baladez, Robin Bernhard, Matt Bigem, Anita Bowman, Caroline Bowman, Jeff Bowman, John Cermin, Betty Jean (Penny) Christoff, Jack Cobb, Marian Cobb, Naoma D. Cobb, William Cobb, Richard Crist, Theresa F. Crist, Charles Daldry, James Dorwald, Peggy Duderstadt, Sandra Elliot, Denise Haley, Tom Heger, Julie Heger, Lois Heger, Anne Hodges, Dannielle Hodges, Albert Kissling, Janice Shute Kissling, Emmett Krachala, Katie Lamb – Katie/Emma/Oriana-Randy Lamb-Anderson, Dennis Larsen, Genevieve Larsen, Jean McDougall, Ruth Moss, C. Naoma, Greg Newman, Rennie Oton, Cathie Owen, Stephanie Perales, Alsada Richardson, Leslie Richardson, Tommy Rudwick, Beverly Rudwick, Hortencia H. Salinas, Larry Sears, Janie Silguero, Irene Thomas, Steven Tovar, Billy Whitaker, Vanessa Willaims-Bourne, Netsy Williamson, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Williamson, Douglas Wilson, Beth Witter.

To God alone be all the glory. Amen.

HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

In your own voice, by yourself or with family, sing it from your heart! O Master, let us live with thee!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQ_wxWP9SG8 (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

THIS WE BELIEVE:

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace we have been saved—Alleluia!

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=HqpXWF15avU> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: bless and transform all that we offer that new life may be birthed and witnessed in order to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Here, in your own words, pray and intercede for the body of Christ, the governments of this world, the poor, the marginalized, the lost, and others. Pray also for your family and for yourself. Follow this with the Lord's Prayer.

As you lift your prayers to the Lord, let this song play in the background:

"Heal our Land"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkT6U0K1jLs>

CLOSING HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4oNqy7jnv8> (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!]

Leave Full of the Spirit!

All the People Said Amen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R377Az6RQiI>

Praise be to God. Amen

Good news for Crestholme! Pastor Dick Kruetzer has accepted to be our new moderator. Please reach out to him and offer him a warm welcome. Continue to keep Crestholme (session, members, visitors, ministries, and our new moderator) in your prayers.

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!

