

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost
July 05, 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 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" #17
<http://www.crestholme.pc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/17-Battle-Hymn-of-the-Republic.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

WELCOME BEAUTIFUL SAINTS OF GOD!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TgvebBvyKU>
(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: 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.

LOVED ONE: And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

YOU: God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

LOVED ONE: Even so, Holy Spirit of God, move upon the formless, empty, dark spaces of our souls and let God declare once again, "Let there be light."

ALL: And as it was in the beginning, separate us from darkness and let the light of Jesus shine to us, in us, through us, and beyond us for thy Glory alone, Almighty God. Amen

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

Almighty God, The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" The one who hears says, "Come!" The thirsty also says, "come"; and the one who wishes to take the free gift of the water of life says, "come." We your people say, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Opening Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONgOH_tq7-Q (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Prayer of Confession:

Listen to our words, Lord, consider our lament. Hear our cry for help, our King and our God, for to you we pray. In the morning, Lord, you hear our voices; in the morning we lay our requests before you and wait expectantly. For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence. You hate all who do wrong; you destroy those who tell lies. The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, Lord, detest. But we, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence we bow down toward your holy temple. Lead us, Lord, in your righteousness because of our enemies—make your way straight before us. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end... Saints, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (from "Lauda Jerusalem")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC5J4HCG0sw> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jesus, you said, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." Therefore Lord, let us hear you in the Spirit and loving obey. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=song+2.8-13&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11:25-30

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matt+11.25-30&version=NIV>

Children's Time

Self-Control

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfFXPtTQTCw&list=PL10D65F20ECB9BF14&index=2>

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SERMON

"Let the King"
Psalm 45:11

Carlos Baladez

"Let the king be enthralled by your beauty; honor him, for he is your lord."

Psalm 45 is a wedding song.

It is often said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Can you think of a time in your life when you were attracted to something or someone because of the beauty you beheld, while another person was not? Maybe you thought a painting or a song was beautiful and someone else could not see what you saw or heard. Perhaps, there was a time in your youth, when you believed a person was beautiful and your best friend thought you were crazy. "To each his own," or "whatever floats your boat," is often the response given.

God too has desires. He also thinks some things are beautiful and desirable. Here, in this verse, the Psalmist encourages the listeners to allow the king to be enthralled by their beauty. What beauty?

One of the most beautiful sights in a man's life is his bride walking down the aisle to join him in holy matrimony. She is the star of the "show." All eyes are upon her as her father walks her down the aisle. She wears her white dress, her face is covered in by a thin matching veil, and her long flowing train follows behind. Her groom's breath is taken away by the sheer delight of seeing the most beautiful woman in the world marry him.

What in the world would God find attractive? What is his longing? His preference? His breath is "taken away" by a people giving him his due, giving him his place in the beauty of holiness. When you and I worship and bow before the Lord our maker and worship him in the beauty of holiness, God gushes just as much as a groom looking at his bride, as if for the very first time. Holiness is our adornment. It is the Holy Spirit in our lives which makes us holy. It is the grace and faith of God that declares us holy. It is through the finished work of Jesus Christ shedding his blood on the Cross of Calvary. Holy is something God bestows upon us. It is not something we

earn or do for him or make of ourselves. Holiness is God's longing in and for his people. Yes, allow God to do his holy work in you, in us. Allow him to save us. To cleanse us. To make us new. Let us allow him to make us his very own. And we too will sing him our wedding song, in, by, and through Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit. Amen. To God be the Glory!

HYMN "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

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

THIS WE BELIEVE:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 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=2kmskQGUILc> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Multiply these your gifts which we with grateful

hearts bring to you. Bless them. Receive them. Make them useful for the expansion of your kingdom here on earth, today. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Here, in your own words, pray. Pray to the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ that which his Holy Spirit lays on your heart. Intercede for others, for our planet, for the poor, the hurting, and the lost. Pray for your family and for yourself followed by the Lord's Prayer.

CLOSING HYMN "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" [America The Beautiful] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAU2TgfZAcc> (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 (John Rutter) – Virtual Choir by Batavia Madrigal Singers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akT32E83zjI>

Now, go forth being continually and consistently filled with the Spirit. Go, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Go singing to God. Yes, go singing and making music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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!