

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020**



**Worship... Together, from Home!
Alone or with Family — Right Now, or at 11 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, “We love him, because he first loved us.”

PRELUDE “Carry The Light” #13
<http://www.crestholmepc.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, BODY OF CHRIST!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Whispering Hope”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21Yj_0N1mHo (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: As the deer pants for streams of water, so my souls pant for you, our God.

LOVED ONE: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God. When can we go and meet with God?

YOU: Our tears have been our food day and night, while people say to us all day long, “Where is your God?”

LOVED ONE: Why, souls, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within us? Put your hope in God, for we will yet praise him, our Savior and our God.

YOU: Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over us. By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with us—a prayer to the God of our life.

ALL: Why, souls, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within us? Put your hope in God, for we will yet praise him, our Savior and our God.

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

We love you, Lord, our strength. The Lord is our rock, our fortress and our deliverer; our God is our rock, in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold. We called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and we have been saved from our enemies. In Jesus’ name Lord, Thank you! Amen.

Opening Hymn “For The Beauty of The Earth”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy7t2Uasqe8> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Prayer of Confession:

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. (Psalm 103:8, 10-11)

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia. Amen. (*Psalm 103:12*)

GLORIA PATRI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdo3A35L9Wg> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, may your Holy Spirit whom you have sent to us to seal us, infuse your Word in our hearts with truth and grace that the good news of your love would shine to us, in us, through us, and beyond us so that we and those around us cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. In Jesus' name, amen.

BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 114

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+114&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A21-35&version=NIV>

Children's Time

Deep Deep Deep

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZhwagxWzOc&list=PL5NINQJLqINyvoFsyEocBX17_8q4PhZc9 (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

MESSAGE

“And Then What Happened?”

Exodus 14:19-31

My friend Terry and I used to carpool to work. One evening, on the way back home, she asked me if we could pick up her grandson at his day care. “Of course,” I responded. Her grandson was friendly, talkative, and full of questions. I decided to outfox him and tell him a story. I did not know I was the one about to be outfoxed.

I was so proud that I was able to engage him for so long and hold his attention. As soon as the impromptu story was completed he said, “And then what happened?” Together we made a mental movie. I painted a storyline and he was able to see the characters appearing in his five year old mind. Needless to say the story continued all the way home. We had a blast! The next day we picked up right where we had

left off from the previous day. I made a new friend and my colleague Terry was grateful.

Speaking of movies, do you remember the iconic movie by Cecil B. DeMille, “*Moses and the Ten Commandments*” starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brynner as Pharaoh? One of the scenes is based on today’s passage.

God’s chosen people, Israel, were in bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt. Forty years prior to today’s passage Moses had fled Egypt as a fugitive. He was a wanted man for murder. Moses was eighty years old when God found him in the desert and directed him to return to Egypt to free his people from slavery.

“And then what happened?” Well, initially Moses made excuses. God was not a happy camper. Scripture puts it like this, “Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses.” Yikes!

“And then what happened?” Arron was on his way to visit Moses and God commissions him to return to Egypt with Moses. Upon arriving in Egypt, Moses and Aaron met with the Israelite leaders before heading off in Pharaoh’s direction.

Upon meeting Pharaoh, Moses and Arron inform him they are there on God’s behalf and demanded the release of the Israelites. They showed him a sign from God but Pharaoh was not impressed and said, “No way!”

“And then what happened?” Moses shows Pharaoh nine more signs. The tenth sign was the proverbial one that “broke the camel’s back.” It was the death of the firstborns in Egypt who had not applied lamb’s blood over their doorposts. In the midst of the terrible grief, Pharaoh let God’s people go free.

“And then what happened?” Well, Pharaoh repented of letting them go and chased them with his great army.

“And then what happened?” Today’s passage happened! “The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands

of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.”

This scenario is played out in every believer’s life. God finds us when he finds us and where he finds us. He fights the enemy of our souls and delivers us from the tyranny of sin. We crossover from the enemy’s camp and into the glorious kingdom of God’s beloved son, Christ Jesus.

“And then what happens?” This is where you continue the story by sharing what great, merciful, and loving things God has done for you.

To God be the Glory, amen!

HYMN

“Lord Speak To Me That I May Speak”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvYSoGP7pwM> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

THIS WE BELIEVE:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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=eMnevRoAz74> (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. Please bless, multiply and transform these offerings that new life may sprout to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord, for your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways your ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are your ways higher than our ways and your thoughts than our thoughts. Hence listen as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXcgQL0SQ40> (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 grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Announcements:

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!