

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 06, 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, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.””

PRELUDE “The Lord’s Prayer” #15
<http://www.crestholmepec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/15-The-Lords-Prayer.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

WELCOME, BODY OF CHRIST!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “How Firm a Foundation”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prb4C_PEWWM (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: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

LOVED ONE: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

YOU: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

LOVED ONE: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

YOU: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

ALL: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

Abba, Father, Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus our Lord, amen.

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God King”

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

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess our sin to you. We confess the heartbreaks, worries, and sorrows we have caused you and others that have made it difficult for others to forgive us, or for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us through Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. God demonstrates this amazing love for us like this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we need help. Saints, In Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia and Amen.

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

Cause us, Creator of Heaven and Earth, by your Word and your Spirit, that in your light we may see, in your truth find life, and in your will discover you. In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 149

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+149&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21%3A23-32&version=NIV>

Children's Time

Jesus Loves the Little Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAP0hTmop5Y> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

MESSAGE

“Clothe Yourselves”

Romans 13:8-14

Humor is good medicine for the soul. With this thought in mind, I share with you the following story.

Harry wanted a new suit so he bought a nice piece of cloth and tried to find a good tailor. The first tailor he visited looked at the cloth, measured Harry, and then told him there was not enough cloth to make a suit. Harry found this hard to accept, so he went to the tailor next door who measured both Harry and the cloth before announcing that there was enough cloth to make a three-piece suit. A week later, Harry returned to collect his suit and noticed that the tailor's son was wearing trousers made of the same cloth. Puzzled, Harry asked: "How come you have been able to make a three-piece suit for me and trousers for your son when the chap next door could not even make a suit?" "Simple," said the tailor. "The guy next door has two sons." (http://jokes.ochristian.com/Fashion/The_New_Suit.shtml)

When I was in high school I had a favorite shirt. I wore it so often that my grandfather told me one day, “You are starting to look like a painting.”

Some people seek to clothe themselves to fill a void or a nakedness which only God can fill. They clothe themselves in Dormeiuil Vanquish II Suits (\$95,319) accompanied with Graff Diamonds Hallucination watches (\$55 million), or in Oscar de la Renta and Louis Vuitton dresses with matching purses. Others prefer to clothe themselves with fame, power, wealth, or prestige and they still can't understand why, at the end of the day or in the middle of the night when no one is watching, they still fill naked, unfulfilled, and void.

Yet, God has clothed his creation from the beginning. Diamonds light up the night sky. He bathes the earth with golden light in the morning and evening. Dazzling light shows illuminate the skies with the northern lights (aurora borealis), and southern lights (aurora australis).

Jesus in speaking to his disciples told them, “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?”

In Genesis, God clothed the first man and woman with animal skins after they had fallen into a nakedness too vast to bear. During Noah's time, God clothed the skies with rainbows. Jacob clothed Joseph with a coat of many colors. He was daddy's little boy. Aaron and his sons were dressed in priestly garments. Saul tried to clothe David for his battle with Goliath. Saul gave David his armor to wear. It did not fit. Instead, David defeated the Giant with the clothing God gave him. The Word of God. David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” And you know the end of the story. The giant fell at David's feet.

Jesus, on the other hand, was stripped and crucified so you and I could be clothed in his glory and splendor. In Ephesians, we are told to “put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.” In 1 Peter we are told to clothe ourselves with humility. And here in this verse today, we are given the greatest “garment,” better than any clothing so far by which we are to clothe ourselves, The Lord Jesus Christ!

Therefore, let us be clothed in this great splendor. Yes, all of us. There is no need to worry. There is plenty of “cloth” for all of us to be clothed completely. May we recall who clothes us and at what price we have been clothed as we celebrate communion today. To God be the glory now and forever more, amen.

OUR CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Carlos will “read” these words and Celebrate Communion at 10:40 on Sunday morning.

Celebrate! Remember! Join me.
These are the Gifts of God for You, the People of God!

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Great Thanksgiving (Stand, if you are able)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

Now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may this cup and this bread be for us the very body and blood of Jesus the Christ and may our eyes be opened to him and our hearts warmed by His very presence, at table with us.

(Carlos will lift the bread)

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you Abba Father, broke the bread gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Carlos will lift the cup)

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the misery of faith.

Chris has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and in our homes, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of Children of God, Let us pray: (Here please pray the Lord's Prayer.)

Breaking the Bread (Carlos will break the Bread)

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Pouring of the Wine (Carlos will pour the Wine)

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Giving the Bread and Cup

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

“Let Us With A Gladsome Mind”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0L2Qwva3PU> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

THIS WE BELIEVE:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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=eMnevRoAz74> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the wondrous gift of life, thank you, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace allows us the blessing of the fruitful life we bear. With our hearts full of gratitude we offer you ourselves along with our treasure, labor, and time. May you avail yourself of them to be used to pass on the promise of hope, peace, life, and of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

In your own words, pray and intercede for the burdens the Father has placed on your heart. Pray believing and trusting. Follow this with the Lord's Prayer.

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmdil5qzESQ> (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!]

As we lift up our eyes to the mountains—where does our help come from? Our help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let our foot slip—The God of Israel, he watches over us and will not slumber nor sleep. The LORD is our shade at our right hand; the sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep us from all harm—he will watch over our lives; the LORD will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore. Now go forth in his power and his might sharing the love of God wherever you go. Amen

Announcements:

Happy birthday to all our September celebrants!

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!

