

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
All Saints' Day
November 01, 2020**

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Elevation" **Dubois**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxFl_C13HoA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Come Sing Church In Joy" **Choir**

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

OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN** "For All The Saints" **Red Hymnal, #466**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgwq7f2FpNk>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, Paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, Life that is abundant and eternal, Life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/prayers-of-confession-on-abundant-life/>

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Praise be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** **Blue Hymnal, #579**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyVhCz5XzXI>

*** SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (with a hand wave, please)

PSALMIC READING

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3

ANTHEM

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDY60iTCHX4>

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 5:1-12****SERMON****"Taste and see"
Psalm 34:8****Carlos Baladez**

One of the signs and symptoms of Covid-19 is a loss of taste. It is a way of knowing the individual is ill, not normal. The individual has lost the ability to savor, distinguish, and enjoy the normalcy of eating.

When individuals become severely ill, they may start to wish for or pray for a miracle. They are asking and wanting to return to a state of normalcy. Therefore, normalcy is living in the state of the miraculous. When we are healthy, we are normal. We are walking around as living miracles.

Now, think of the spiritual parallels. To taste and see that God is good requires the ability to taste. If our spiritual taste buds are hampered by disease i.e. sin, we lose the ability to "taste" the goodness of God and therefore lose our opportunity to see God.

Currently, scientists around the world are working hard to find a vaccine or a "treatment" for patients diagnosed with Covid-19.

In the spiritual sense, God has come up with a "treatment, a vaccine, a cure" to treat the dulling of our spiritual taste buds caused by sin. Jesus, God incarnate, offered himself as a sacrifice on our behalf, fulfilling the father's loving will. You see, "For God SO loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Through this sacrifice, our spiritual taste buds are made new. Applying the "treatment," enables us to taste and see for ourselves that God is good. We give witness that his word is sweeter than honey.

Repenting (the changing of your mind and agreeing with God), believing that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead, and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, is the road to recovery, to wholeness, to spiritual normalcy. Our normal spiritual state is to be in union, in communion with our creator through and in his son Jesus Christ. God, through Jesus, has already paved the way back to him. Jesus is the "treatment, the cure." Call upon Jesus, the Lord. For all who call upon him will be saved. That is, will be made whole, will be bought back to normalcy, and back into the miraculous. You will taste and see that the LORD is good. You will be blessed (happy) taking refuge in him.

Oh, and by the way, there is no need to pay for this "treatment," this "cure." Jesus has taken care of the cost for you and for me. It's God's gift to us. Sheer Grace!

To God be the glory now and forever amen.

HYMN**"Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*****Blue Hymnal 510**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6Xhrxw4Cis>***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Blue Hymnal, p. 14**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Here, lift up your own personal prayers to the Lord. Follow it up with the Lord's prayer.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

Blue Hymnal, #592

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Q5ojehA78c>

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, unto thee we bring ourselves and these gift. Bless as only you are able, we pray. Amen

***COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

The People's Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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 forever. Amen

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion

***CLOSING HYMN**

"God of Compassion"

Blue Hymnal, #261

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

***BENEDICTION**

Be blessed and go in the grace of the Son, in the love of the Father, and in the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, amen.

The end of today's worship gathering - The beginning of service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship with us this morning! We're glad that you're here! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our compassionate church family... ask Tom, Fred, Dick, or any Elder about meaningful participation and membership!

Commissioned Pastor Larry Sears will lead our morning worship next Sunday, 11/08/2020. Welcome Larry!

COVID-19 Reminder

COVID-19 is still alive and, unfortunately, well. Therefore, as we worship, we are reminded to adhere to the rules of "social distancing", and facemask wearing. We have, to the best of our ability, cleaned and disinfected the sanctuary. Please cooperate by not sitting in the "skipped rows". Hymn Books, Bibles, and Bulletins are pre-distributed to indicate where to sit. Families are allowed to sit together.