

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 06, 2021**

At the *, please stand, if you are able.

Large Print Hymnals and Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices, are available

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

“Three Short Preludes”

C. Nielsen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSyOduZy8uI>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Now To Your Table Spread”

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF3EnRAI9nY>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

LEADER: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

All: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

LEADER: Amen! (Ps. 96:1-4, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

*** OPENING HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Blue Hymnal #460**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e5vLtzm4E>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we make idols of the gods of other nations. Forgive us for ignoring that splendor and majesty are before you and that strength and glory are in your sanctuary. Is it any wonder that we fail? We repent from our wicked ways and turn to you by your wonderful mercy and grace. Thank you, Lord for your immense kindness and love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News, because God is rich in mercy, beloved, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal # 579

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1p2WWKPzchE>

*** 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 (from your seat please).

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus Teaches Us Compassion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5Y-YBROg-U>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+8%3A4-11%2C+16-20&version=NIV>

PSALM READING

Psalm 138

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+138&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees"

Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=413cT_TQraY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A6-10%2C+14-17&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

Mark 3:20-35

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+3%3A20-35&version=NIV>

SERMON

"There is forgiveness"

Dr. Carlos Baladez

Psalm 130:4

In my late teens or early twenties, my friends and I decided to cool off on a hot summer days in the Comal River at a place called Stinky Falls. There in New Braunfels is a cemented Tube Chute where you can "surf." As the current carries you down the

chute, at the end of it you can jump off into the river. I had gone down this shoot several times before, never experiencing anything but joy and exhilaration. On this one occasion, instead of jumping to the right and into the current where it would lead me downstream, I must have slipped and landed to my left where an undercurrent took me way, way under. I recall tumbling as if I was a rag doll. I was weighing at least 200 lbs. at the time. I remember falling and falling deeper and deeper into the bottomless pit. When I finally stopped tumbling, I opened my eyes. To my great surprise, all I could see was darkness all around me. 360 degrees of nothing but black. I froze still not knowing in which direction to swim. "Which way Lord?" I prayed, or something like that, when all of a sudden I noticed a lighter patch of darkness. I trusted and started to swim in that direction. It seemed like forever. As I kept swimming, I noticed that the water was becoming clearer and light was starting to shine through. I had a glimpse of hope but I started to run out of air. I thought for sure my next stroke would break the surface. To my astonishment, more water. I felt like I was about to pass out but I needed to push through. One or two more strokes is all it took. I surfaced and took many deep breaths to recover. I swam to the bank where my friends were waiting and they looked at me. They thought I had seen a ghost or something, I was so pale. I sat at the edge of the bank for some time, reflecting on the experience. Sensing fear creeping in, I recalled my daddy's words, "If something ever scares you, son, you must confront it again and overcome it." I knew what I needed to do. I went back. Went down the chute, and jumped to the right. I had overcome my fear. I'm glad too, because I have always loved the water.

The psalmist, in this passage speaks in metaphorical language, stating, "out of the depths," I cry to you LORD. Here "out of the depths," can stand for anything you are facing that you feel is overpowering you. Whatever it is, whether it is depression, suicidal or homicidal thoughts, financial ruin, bad grades, a shoddy relationship, self-deprecating self-talk, could be your "depth." From here, you and I, like the Psalmist can cry out to the LORD. - A sidebar if you please. If you will notice, there are two forms of spelling Lord here in this passage. One is LORD with all capital letters and one is Lord with only the L capitalized. The all caps LORD stands for the covenant name of God, YHWH, while the capital only L stands for the name of God known as Adonai. YHWH is the name of God when he makes a covenant with a person, or with a group, or with humankind. While, Adonai, is the name of God as the Lord in his relation to the earth and as carrying out his purposes of blessing in the earth. - Sidebar over.

Notice, the Psalmist is calling out to the covenant making name of God, "YHWH," the one who promises. You, LORD, are a faithful promise maker and keeper. And to you Lord, Adonai, who blesses the earth, hear my personal, individual voice. Adonai, it is I who is calling you. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy because you love mercy more than sacrifice.

Lord in your mercy remember me. Treat me not according to what my sins deserve, but according to your loving mercy. Covenant making, covenant keeping God, if you started

to keep record of sins, who could stand before you? I am born, and live or die because of your mercy.

Today, as New Testament believers, we can testify to the Old Testament too, for Paul lets us know in 1 Corinthians that Love keeps no records of wrong. Hallelujah.

If our car is broken, we can take it to a mechanic. If we are having plumbing issues in our house, we can call on a plumber. If we experience a broken bone, we can go to the emergency room to see an orthopedic surgeon. But where can we go to receive comfort and rest for our weary souls? Our souls, that part of us that thinks, feels and decides, who can we call on to heal us, to deliver us, to grant us peace to our weary guilt-ridden, fearful drowning, doubtful sorrowful souls? The Psalmist offers us a lifeline. A hope that can be trusted. The Psalmist tells us that in the covenant making covenant keeping God, YHWH, Jehovah, in him THERE is forgiveness. Here my dear friends is where we can find rest for our weary souls. Here we can deposit all our cares, for he cares for us. Here we can find the love we crave so deeply, all because He first loved us.

Now look at verses seven and eight of this Psalm. They read, "Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."

Read it one more time, this time in the following manner, "**(Insert your name here in place of Israel)** put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love (love never fails) and with him is full redemption. (It is finished. Recall the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.) He (YHWH- the covenant making, covenant keeping faithful God) himself (In Jesus) will redeem **(Insert your name here in place of Israel)** from all their sins."

Read it a third time, **(Your name here)** put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem **(Your name here)** from all your sins." Amen.

Allow the LORD and the Lord to be your confidence. Call out to him today, for he is already expecting you to call unto him this very day!

To God be all the glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

* **HYMN** **"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"** **Blue Hymnal #326**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymKxTkrRNBA>

Respond in Love and Service

* This we believe

"This is what the Lord says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come. Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one." (Is. 44:6-8, NIV)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Here, please lift up your concerns to the Lord. Amen

*HYMN FOR OUR NATION

"Heal Our Land"

Red Hymnal #800

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNDYTOgX0rg>

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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PO Box 23919.
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again. Thank you!
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

* DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal # 592

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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 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** **"For The Bread Which You Have Broken"** **Blue #508**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYHewXBvLvs>

* **BENEDICTION**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service
Next Sunday, Elder Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!