

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021**

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

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

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**"Trumpet Voluntary"**

**Dupuis**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"Abba Father"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUplL4vELm8>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

**All:** His love endures forever.

LEADER: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story

**All:** those he redeemed from the hand of the foe

LEADER: Let us tell of His works with songs of joy

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\* OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" Red Hymnal #793**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, forgive us for our impatience with You. When You offer help, we don't see it, or we complain that it isn't what we wanted. You offer a future, but we want to return to Egypt, to the comfortable and known. We ask You to be patient with us. We think we know what is best, but Your gifts and love are far above what we can imagine for us. Have mercy on us and grant us Your grace. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, you are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Beloved, in Jesus Christ 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 Calms Our Fears**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTEyvHgXHS8>

Mark 4:35-41

**Hear the Word of God**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Job 38:1-11**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job+38%3A1-11&version=NIV>

**PSALM READING**

**Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+107%3A1-3%2C+23-32&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"Rock-a-My-Soul"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7cj51BPSHk>

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+6%3A1-13&version=NIV>

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 4:35-41**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+4%3A35-41+&version=NIV>

**SERMON**

***"Now is the Time of God's Favor"***

**Larry Sears, CP**

Paul wrote, "*Now is the time of God's favor, the time of God's salvation.*" He wrote that almost 2,000 years ago. Is it still true today?

Hebrews 13:8 reports that *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* That means that Jesus never changes. Jesus, as the only begotten Son of the Father, is fully God, so we can say that God never changes. In that light, let us look at the passages from the lectionary for today.

In the Old Testament lesson, God speaks out of a storm to Job. He is asking Job questions that are hard to answer. His questions go back to before Genesis 1:1 where it says, "*in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" I do not think we can even say it was a time before creation because there is no way for us to measure time without referencing the sun moving through the sky. Our idea of time is linear, from morning to evening. Who can know how God views events in the cosmos?

Again, in Job we see another picture of creation. God asks Job, "*Where were you when the foundations of the earth were laid?*" While the foundations were being laid God tells Job the morning stars sang together, and all the angels shouted for joy? I believe that creation was and is a wonderful fiesta of creativity, festivity, joy, excitement, and fun. I can imagine God really enjoying Himself; laughing as He creates things and telling the heavenly hosts "Watch this. This is good! Isn't that great?"

But God - full of wisdom and love ...

Not everything was great. In the Book of Revelation, we find out that the Lamb was slain from the creation of the world. I think when that was revealed, all creation must have fallen silent. Even the heavenly hosts, the stars, and all of creation could not comprehend the love of God that would allow such a thing to happen. It was so long ago, and yet, Now is the day of favor, now is the day of salvation. When Christ went to the cross, we saw and believed that *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.* The act happened so long ago, before the earth was formed, and yet in human terms we didn't "see the act of God's love until just 2,000 years ago". And because we heard about it, or saw it, we believed. Before the crucifixion the prophets and the law only brought hope of the Messiah saving them.

Moving to the psalm for today -

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

*Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe*

It talks about men going to sea and becoming fearful because of the storms on the seas. We recall that God spoke to Job out of a storm. The gospel lesson today spoke of a storm at sea and the men being fearful. In the psalm, *they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. <sup>29</sup> He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.* The Lord calmed the storm and brought them peace. Now is the day of favor, now is the day of salvation.

The Gospel of Mark –

Once again, we see a storm. It brought fear and anxiety to the disciples, and rest to Jesus. After all, He was asleep in the stern of the boat. A wave crashed over the boat and fishermen, men of the sea, were suddenly afraid they were going to die. What did

they do? The same thing the sailors in the psalm did - *They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits' end.* <sup>28</sup> *Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.* They went to the Lord. And Jesus, the One through Whom all things were made told the storm to quit, be still. The same One Who spoke to Job from the storm. The same One Who quieted the storm and brought the sailors to their destination. Now is the day of favor, now is the day of salvation.

Paul wrote, "*Now is the time of God's favor, the time of God's salvation.*" He wrote that almost 2,000 years ago. Is it still true today?

Yes, because Jesus Christ **IS** the same yesterday, today, and forever.

May God's grace, mercy, love and joy find a resting place in your heart today.

**\* HYMN**

**"This Is My Father's World"**

**Red Hymnal #143**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3-C4jp7BNw>

### **Respond in Love and Service**

**\* This we believe**

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Amen

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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**

**\*HYMN FOR OUR NATION**

**"Heal Our Land"**

**Red Hymnal #800**

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

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Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

\* **DOXOLOGY** **Blue Hymnal # 592**

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

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **CLOSING HYMN** **"Faith of Our Fathers"** **Red Hymnal #404**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EVPVS9EGeQ>

\* **BENEDICTION**

Today is the time of God's favor, and the day of His salvation. He is here to help you with whatever may come your way. As you leave this time of worship, go in the power of the Holy Spirit, and take the love of God into the world where ever you may go this week.

**The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service**

**Next Sunday, Dr. Carlos Baladez will be leading worship. Welcome Carlos!**