

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
6th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 04, 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**

**"Voluntary"**

**W. Selby**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWxL6rPGKI8>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN2I6vdzgt8>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise.

**All:** Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

LEADER: Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.

**All:** For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.

LEADER: Amen! (Ps. 48, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Spirit of freedom, we thank you for welcoming us into your presence. It is you who makes us holy and acceptable in your communion. It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we gather to render to you Almighty God what is due to your wonderful name, our praise and worship. We love you Lord, because you first loved us. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Blue Hymnal #564**

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, O God, when we lift up haughty eyes, harden our hearts, shut our eyes and close our ears to the cry of the destitute, the marginalized, the outcast, and

downtrodden. Forgive us for making our own comfort our priority while forgetting to share our goods with those in need. Allow us to repent and to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the sick. In your great mercy grant us repentance and forgiveness. We ask in Jesus' name, amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

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

\* **GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal # 579**

\* **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**

Who is Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8Qa2nuyGq0>

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Samuel%205%3A1-5%2C2%20Samuel%205%3A9-10&version=NIV>

#### **PSALM READING**

**Psalm 123**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+123&version=NIV>

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"Sing A Song Of Peace"**

**Choir**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvcFKPj\\_M-o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CvcFKPj_M-o)

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+12%3A2-10&version=NIV>

#### **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 6:1-13**

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

It was a 1956 blue Chevy pickup. That was the first vehicle that my dad allowed me to drive. I drove it down Applewhite Road. The pickup was standard. The first attempt ended up with the truck stalling. Since it was standard I needed to time the gas pedal with letting out the clutch. Once I got the hang of it, the ride was not as jerky. I must have been 11 or 12 years old because when I was 13 I was awarded 4 driving tickets by our very own finest SAPD. But that is another story for another day.

When I turned 16, my father took me to the nearest DPS office to obtain my driver's license. I had already passed the written exam and all I needed was the driving portion. A DPS officer rode shotgun while I drove. I remember exiting the DPS driveway and turning left. As we were going down the road he told me to take a left at the next intersection. I took a left as he had instructed but I had mistaken the entrance to some apartments for the intersection. He docked off 30 points. The rest of the drive was uneventful, even the parallel parking went without a hitch. When we returned to the DPS offices, the officer gave my paperwork and told me to go get my new driver's license. I informed my dad. He congratulated me. I was soooooo disappointed. I had scored a 70! My dad tried to make me see that it was ok, I had passed and obtained my license. I was so focused on the score that I missed the joy of passing the exam and obtaining my driver's license. I lost focus of the purpose. My pride was wounded and I was offended. Anyone could have mistaken that huge driveway for an intersection. The DPS officer did not have to be so mean and take away 30 points. Right?!

Instead of rejoicing, I moped. Today, I repent. Let's go celebrate my driver's license! Yea me!!! LOL

In today's passage, similar things happened.

Notice, it was the day of rest, the Sabbath. Jesus taught them in their own worship space. The purpose of that gathering was to hear the Word of God. God's very word was teaching them. They heard. And they were astounded!

Now check out their focus, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!" And their conclusion to all this wonder and astonishment? Look at verse three, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" **And they took offense at him.** "Isn't this the carpenter?" They became lost. They failed to see the forest because of the trees. Instead of believing they tried to understand. And they failed at both! Can you read between the lines? Who does he think he is? A mere carpenter teaching us! **And they took offense at him.** "Isn't this the carpenter?" Darken hearts, blinded

eyes refusing to see what was plainly in front of them refusing to believe. They heard. They were astounded. **And they were offended.** And they missed out.

Here was God, Emmanuel, in their midst. The Logos of God incarnate, and they could not see the expected Messiah in their midst.

Jesus was amazed! Yup, he was amazed, but he was amazed at their unbelief! Unlike the amazement Jesus expressed at the faith of a Centurion, a Captain of the Guard in Luke 7:9.

What did they miss out on? Look further down in the passage at Jesus and his disciples. Jesus gave his disciples authority over the unclean spirits, the charge of proclaiming the Word of God, casting out many demons, and anointing with oil many who were sick and curing them. In other words, they missed out on the Kingdom of God!

Isn't this the carpenter?" Yes THE Carpenter. The Carpenter in Genesis 1 and 2. The Carpenter of the heavens and earth. The Carpenter of the Great Exodus. The Carpenter of our salvation. The Carpenter of our most holy faith.

The Carpenter who makes new out of old, who makes hope out of despair, health out of sickness, light out of darkness. He is the Carpenter who makes life out of death. Yes, Jesus is The Carpenter. He built the cosmos. He is building a place where his believers can dwell forever. And he will continue to build God's Kingdom and his Church.

See beyond the obvious and really see, and believe! See what lies beyond the veil. Let Jesus open your eyes to the world of possibilities. Reimagine the world and step into your prophetic calling. Declare. Decree. Demand. Announce. Proclaim the Kingdom of God which is at hand. The kingdom of God is here. And it is within us. It is here right now, today. And it too will come in the future in ALL its fullness. Believe today so you can see it in its fullness tomorrow and let Jesus be amazed at your faith.

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=4QkOLQs44yo>

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

\* **This we believe**

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 Spirit; 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 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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Here, lift up your thanksgiving, your burdens, and your petitions unto the Lord in your own words. Then follow this with the prayer the Lord Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father which 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=-r0\\_zVDdTjU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-r0_zVDdTjU)

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal # 592**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU>

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God of bonanza, we acknowledge through these gifts and our very lives that you alone are our provider. Take us and this offering and bless us. Multiply this offering, and make it and us useful in thy kingdom. 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 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 Our Fathers"**                      **Red #809**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGexeAILgjq>

### \* **BENEDICTION**

Our Father which is in heaven out of his glorious riches gives you strength with power through his Spirit in your inner being. In this manner Christ dwells in your hearts through faith. Therefore, he permits you to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. Since you are filled to the measure of all the fullness of God, go, share with others this unmeasurable joy. Amen.

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