

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 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:** "Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness" **J. Walther**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSoDKRDdojg>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**God willing, next Sunday, August 1, 2021, we will be celebrating Communion.**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "He Is Here" **Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YA8EPs71dG4>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** We love you, LORD, our strength.

**All:** You O Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer; our God is our rock, in whom we take refuge, our shield and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

**LEADER:** We called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and we have been saved from our enemies.

**All:** Therefore, we praise, honor, magnify and glorify you O Lord, amen. (Based on Ps. 18, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord you are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. We look to you for stability, for protection, and for deliverance. Amen

**\* OPENING HYMN** "When Morning Gilds The Skies" **Blue Bk #487**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCsC0CUH34I>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, the fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. You Lord look down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one. Forgive us Lord when we devour your people as though eating bread, not calling on your Name. Forgive us when we frustrate the plans of the poor. Forgive us all our foolishness and grant us true repentance while receiving your forgiveness. Amen.

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

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

### **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal #579**

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

### **\* 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**

I AM the light of the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28Jc6-EICgM>

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord of light, shed your brilliance upon our shadows and let your glory be evident in our lives. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Samuel 11:1-15**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Samuel%2011:1-15&version=NIV>

### **PSALTER READING**

**Psalms 145:10-18**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+145%3A10-18&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM****"Send The Light"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLaob2knjJY>**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Eph. 3:14-21**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eph.+3%3A14-21&version=NIV>**GOSPEL READING****John 6:1-21**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6%3A1-21&version=NIV>**SERMON****"Then Jesus took the bread"  
John 6:11****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

Butter Crust Bakery on Broadway Street. It still brings back fond memories. It was one of our yearly elementary school field trips. We toured the facility mesmerized by the enormous bowls and mixers. The scent of yeast would waft through the air as flour was turned into dough which would then be baked into bread. Texas toast to be precise. As we approached the end of the tour, we were given a wooden ruler, a number 2 pencil, and the coveted prize, a huge piece of buttered Texas toast. We gleefully munched on it on the bus ride back to school.

Trades were possible. If you got lucky you could trade your ruler for a pencil or vice versa but I cannot recall anyone wanting to trade their bread. It was a no brainer. It was delicious and gone too soon. We ate it slowly because we knew we would have to wait until the following year to relive the experience.

The world over, bread is the universal sustenance. You find baguettes in France, pita bread all over the Mediterranean, and focaccia in Italy. Challah is a braided bread in Jewish cuisine. Bammy is a cassava-based flatbread from Jamaica. Dampfnudel is a German sweet bun, while injera is an Ethiopian bread made from fermented dough. Cornbread comes from Native Americans. Irish soda bread has a hard crust and a slightly sour flavor. And of course we cannot forget to mention Pan Dulce or Mexican sweet bread. Yummy!

It is amazing what a pair of experienced hands can do with a little flour, water, yeast, and heat. A substance that sustains life is the end result.

As we move into today's passage, please keep in mind the two bookends of John's gospel. At the beginning of the Gospel, we are introduced to the Word of God incarnate. At the end of the Gospel, we are given his purpose for writing this Gospel, "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the

Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (Jn. 20:30-31, NIV).

Much has gone into the preparation before Jesus' arrival to earth. Types and shadows gave "hints" as to his personhood and work. Take the following examples for starters.

Abraham was called by God to leave his homeland for a promised land. Isaac was spared as a sacrifice by a ram God had prepared on Mt. Moriah. Jacob and his sons had been provided for during a famine by Joseph, Jacob's son, who was sold into Egyptian slavery by his brothers. God had exalted him from prison to the palace. Then came the Israelite's huge exodus from Egyptian slavery. Shortly after the great deliverance, God gave Moses instructions about celebrating Passover on a yearly basis to commemorate God's mighty hand over Egypt and its gods. The Angel of Death spared all the firstborns whose house's doorposts and lintels were covered with lamb's blood. They celebrated Passover along with the first fruits of the Barley Harvest. Also, God provided Manna for the Israelites while they wandered in the wilderness.

In the book of Judges, Gideon overheard the account of a Midianite's dream which foretold Gideon's victory over them. The imagery was that of a loaf of barley bread which tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed. In the book of Psalms, David writes, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

The stage had been set for the Jews to recognize their God in the flesh.

The setting to today's passage is in northern Israel in Galilee, to the north of Jerusalem. Five thousand men had taken a field trip. They were following Jesus because of the signs he was doing for the sick.

Jesus was sitting with his disciples up in a mountain. Remember, Abraham and his son Isaac were also on a mountain when God appeared to him and provided the sacrificial ram to take the place of Isaac.

The Passover feast was near. This was to commemorate the great deliverance from Egypt. "Philip, where do we get bread to feed this multitude?" Jesus asked. Philip resorted to human logic and noted the lack of money to feed the crowd. Did he fail to recall how God provided manna in the desert? And here was God in the flesh, could he not now do the same?

Andrew responded to the dilemma noting the little which they had, five barley loaves and two small fishes from a little child's lunch bag. Had God not provided Gideon with the victory over the Midianite army with a handful of men? The "bread" of barley loaf had preceded them to wipe out the enemies of God. And how about the manna in the wilderness? Did Andrew not recall the feeding of this multitude in the desert?

Barley was considered the poor man's bread. God availed himself of the lowly to bring about his purposes in Jesus. Paul later lets us know that Jesus emptied himself of the right to be called God while taking on the form of a lowly servant to die on the Cross for the cosmos, which includes us.

John then presents us with a communion table set out over green pastures like the good shepherd in Psalm 23.

Jesus then took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it. The Bread of God was blessed, "This is my beloved son, hear ye him." He was broken for us, "he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." And he was shared, "For as many who received him, they were given the right to become the children of God." The Bread of God is given in overflowing abundance, enough for all to eat to the fill and be satisfied.

here's a side bar, in scripture the number five represents "grace," and the number two represents "division." Side bar over.

The overabundance of leftover food is the result of the division of grace. Grace divided produces an overflowing abundance of God's resources and provision.

In Deuteronomy 18:15 Moses informed the Israelites that, "The Lord your God shall raise up unto you a prophet like me." The crowd saw an opportunity to seize Jesus by force and make him king instead of welcoming their king with humble and thankful hearts. They failed to respond in grace to this free gift and see the fulfillment of the Servant-King. The kingdom of God was in their midst and they missed it! Jesus was left with no choice but to depart again into a mountain himself, alone.

John relates these narratives that we may know and believe and be saved, and be made whole. John expresses God's desire for us to hear and believe. To see by believing that the Bread of God is expressed in Jesus. Just as physical bread sustains life, the Bread of God gives and sustains spiritual life.

To God be the glory, now and forever amen.

\* **HYMN**

**"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**Blue Hymnal #403**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQO0aryw>

## **Respond in Love and Service**

### **\* This we believe**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Amen. (Rom. 8:26-30, NIV)

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

Almighty God, we lift our troubled world to your throne of grace knowing that we will find help in time of need. We pray for those affected by the floods in Germany, for those affected by the collapse in Florida, for the political climate in Haiti, and for the nations affected by the virus. Free those affected by drugs, human trafficking, or immigration status. We pray that you would give us righteous leaders filled with your wisdom, understanding, and love. And now we pray as 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=qTm\\_rA54EGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw)

### **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. Thank you!  
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal # 592**

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

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of abundance and provision, we bring ourselves and these gifts to you with humble and grateful hearts recognizing you as our provider. Take, bless, multiply us and them for the sake of your glorious name and your eternal kingdom. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak" Blue Hymnal #426**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyYSoGP7pwM>

**\* BENEDICTION**

Go now into the field for it is ripe. It is ready to harvest. Announce his glorious light found in his gospel of grace. You are blessed as you go in the grace of the Son, in the love of the Father, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\* POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

**See Weekly Calendar Below**

**Weekly Calendar**

TBD  
TBD  
Sunday  
Sunday  
Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

TBD  
TBD  
10:00 AM  
11:00 Am

Food Pantry  
Clothes Closet  
Sunday School  
Worship Service

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**Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers**  
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Larry Sears  
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Cathie Owen  
Vacant

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Membership in the Presbyterian Church is open to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Every member and officer will be more than happy to visit with you about salvation by faith in Jesus and membership at Crestholme.

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