

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 01, 2021**

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

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

"Kyrie"

Couperin

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"My Tribute"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJvZgp2zRV8>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God gives orders and rain falls from above.

All: He fills the bodies of waters with various kinds of fish while cattle crowd the plains.

LEADER: The sun obeys its orbit providing us with light.

All: God, our God, supplies us with all that we need to live and prosper.

LEADER: Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Father of us all, there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. We invite you to allow that river to course through our midst and our very being. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" Blue Hymnal #466**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx0rCabJ16c>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you,

you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught us wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Amen. (Ps. 51:1-4, 6-7, NIV)

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

<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 (from your seat please).

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, your word is a lamp for our feet, a light on our path. May the Light of your Word shine in our hearts, souls, minds, and strength today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 11:26- 12:13a

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Samuel+11%3A26-12%3A13&version=NIV>

PSALM READING

Psalms 51:1-12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+51%3A1-12&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54VrgIT2NLA>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A1-16&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-25

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6%3A24-25&version=NIV>

One of my favorite cousins on my wife's side of the family is Jose Luis. He is a few years older than me, yet we get along really well. He is one of those friends that you can share the world's problems over a cup of coffee and come up with solutions. Or laugh at the crazy situations because laughing is better than crying while being all sad and tearful brings no hope of change any way, so we laugh.

One day I was sharing with him my philosophy of life and my life's journey. I talked about this and I spoke about that. I weaved this in, and I wove that out. He sat there patiently listening to all my convoluted speech and he finally blurted out, "Ok compadre (loose translation meaning, "my friend"), what are you looking for? His question, more than his exasperation, took me aback. What was I looking for? I was already in my fifties and I still could not answer his question with any confidence, much less any certainty.

In today's passage, we see Jesus, after having fed the 5,000 men by a mountain side, being followed by the same crowd. They continued to search him out. They followed, even though Jesus had moved on to the other side of the lake. He had left them to be alone because they had wanted to make him king by force and he would have none of it. Not by force, anyway.

The crowd had seen the disciples leave on a boat to go to the other side but Jesus did not leave with them. Hence, when they found Jesus, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" They had no knowledge of Jesus walking on water in the middle of the night and boarding the disciples' boat and arriving on the other side, immediately.

When the crowd caught up, Jesus revealed their hearts and motives to them. He tells them they seek him only because they wanted more fish burgers. He counsels them to seek spiritual food, the food that satisfies the deepest hungers of the heart. The crowd ask an interesting question, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus turns the tables on them and answers them, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." What!? God works, not us? Yes, God works on our behalf so that we may believe and be saved. But the crowd counters, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Jesus replied to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

To which the crowds reply, “Sir, always give us this bread.”

Jesus then makes his declarative statement “I am the bread of life.” He follows this declaration with his all-inclusive invitation, “Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The day finally came for me when I realize that what I had been looking for so long, I already had – Jesus. I just did not know it. I had placed Jesus in my back pocket to gallivant the world’s philosophies, religions, and the occult to see if I would find something better. How foolish I was to have thought such travesty! Yet how merciful and patient Jesus was with me. He waited all this time and allowed my hunger and thirst to increase to the point of being famished and parched. I came home just like the prodigal son. But not before I realized that I too was eating at the swine’s trough wallowing in filthy slop. Jesus, is who he says he is, and God loves me as much as he says he does, and the Holy Spirit is as powerful as he says he is. And I was ushered home by mercy, grace, and love.

Now I can answer Jose Luis’ question, “Ok compadre, what are you looking for?” Jose Luis, I’m looking for Jesus and he has found me. I am home, I am whole, I am restored, and I am content, well fed and my thirst is quenched. Thanks be to God! You too can experience this total acceptance, radical joy, and unconditional love. Come, be a part of God’s family. Throw away excuses, get over your useless head-trips and inner chatter. No longer settle for substitutes and rid yourself of pretensions. Admit your thirst. Admit your hunger. And come eat of the bread and drink of the water that Jesus is and provides freely. Come, see that the Lord is good and enjoy God forever more. Amen.

To God be the honor and the glory, amen.

*** HYMN “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us” Blue Hymnal #261**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4SRmaOktFw>

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

Lord, for all those in need of salvation, hear our prayers. For all those in need of your healing touch, hear our prayers. For the marginalized and the disenfranchised, hear our prayers. For our soldiers, our nations, and our families, hear our prayers. For the spreading of your Kingdom, hear our prayers. For the forgiveness of our sins, transgressions, iniquities, and short comings, hear our prayers. And now we join in the prayer 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=DyzbpBR1KOI>

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 Light, take these offerings, gifts, and our very lives and bless them. Multiply them for thy name's sake. Thank you! In Jesus' name. 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 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" Blue #501**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7IEwZQqh2o>

*** BENEDICTION**

Saints of God, go in the power of his might, in the Almighty name of Jesus, in the blessing of the Lord as God's people. Share and give freely as you have freely received. Amen.

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!

Weekly Calendar

TBD

TBD

Food Pantry

TBD

TBD

Clothes Closet

Sunday

10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday

11:00 Am

Worship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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