

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
July 18, 2021**

At the \*, please stand, if you are able.  
Large Print Hymnals, Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices are available upon request.

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**"Meditation"**

**Franck**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IxfAO7NGRk>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"We Have Come To Join In Worship"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxc3MWgX0R4>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,

**All:** so that we might live as God's own children.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

**All:** and live for the praise of God's glory.

Leader: Let us worship God.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God Almighty, we praise You with our whole being today. Help us to always remember Your blessings, Your benefits, Your gifts to us. Thank you for redeeming us through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thank you for making Your deeds known to us. Thank you for Your compassion to us, for Your steadfast love. May all we say and do in this service bring You praise, honor and glory. We ask this in Jesus Name. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" Blue Hymnal #477**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INCSNHMXH8U>

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace.

**All: We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.**

### **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**Blue Hymnal #579**

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

### **\* SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST (From your seats, please)**

Leader: Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Leader: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other.

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Psalm 23

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_LN8bR9HtQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_LN8bR9HtQ)

### **Hear the word of God**

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell among us that we might praise Christ's glory. Amen.

#### **FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jeremiah+23%3A1-6&version=NIV>

#### **PSALTER READING**

**Psalm 23**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23&version=NIV>

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"How Can I Keep From Singing"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37UiNO0BncU>

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A11-22+&version=NIV>

#### **GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+6%3A30-34%2C+53-56+&version=NIV>

#### **SERMON**

**"Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest."**

**Larry Sears**

The 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark is full of activity. Jesus preached in His hometown. Amazing the people at first with the wisdom the Spirit gave Him and performing miracles. Then the people began to question His ability since they knew Him and His family. The chapter says Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. I think one of the things that amazed Him was the people thought that since they knew Him and His family, God couldn't possibly work through Him. After all, He was just a carpenter.

Take a look around at each other. I know you see friends, family, and some that maybe you don't know. Realize that we are all children of God. We are all instruments that He will use to bring glory and honor to Himself – if we let Him.

Let us return to the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark. Jesus sends out the 12 disciples into the surrounding countryside. <sup>12</sup> *They went out and preached that people should repent.* <sup>13</sup> *They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.*

Then Herod had John the Baptist beheaded.

Now we come to today's reading in Mark. The disciples were excited about what they had been able to do in the Name of Jesus. I'm sure their adrenalin level was high. They were doing the works that Jesus did! These fishermen, all around laborers, and even some highly educated men were used by God to bring our Father glory and honor. Not all the apostles were uneducated and poor. Matthew was a tax collector, so it can be assumed that he had to learn several languages that would have been used in the area where he worked. Luke was educated as a doctor.

Later in the chapter, 5,000 men get fed. The disciples head across the sea to Bethsaida struggling to row against a head wind. Jesus stays behind to dismiss the crowd, and then He goes up on a mountainside to pray. When He leaves the place where He was praying, He walks across the water and catches up to the disciples in the boat. The storm quiets down, and they arrive at Gennesaret.

That is a lot of activity. They had been so busy that they were worn out. They didn't even have time to eat. Jesus' request must have been music to their ears, *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."*

I invite you to stop and take a break now. I make the same invitation to you that Jesus gave His disciples, *"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."* We are in a place that has been sanctified. It has been set apart as a holy place, a place where we get to come and commune with God, the Creator of the universe. It is a place not unlike Moses' tent of meeting where he and God met face to face and spoke to one another as friends. It is a place where we can find rest, even for a short time from the burdens of life.

<sup>28</sup> *"Come to Me, all <sup>[a]</sup>who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.* <sup>29</sup> *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*(Matthew 11)

I have purposely kept this sermon short. I want to have time to minister to any who wants prayer. If you are using the bulletin on the internet, or reading the mailed bulletin at home – stop, take a deep breath as Rev. Tom would say, and take time to talk to the Lord Who is listening to your praise, worship, and prayers. Talk to Him as you would a friend. When you are done, continue with the service.

*Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*  
(Psalm 100:3)

Reread Psalm 23. Praise God for His everlasting love for you, and for His gifts to you.  
Amen

**\* HYMN**

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**Blue Hymnal #289**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeSoE1Kmmv0>

**Respond in Love and Service**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed**

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 Ghost, 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 quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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**

Father, thank you for Your gifts to us. We offer up our tithes, our offerings, and ourselves that all we have would bring You praise, honor and glory. Thank you. 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)

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

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Blue Hymnal #276**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRfzx7Xc1tA>

**\* BENEDICTION**

As you leave this worship service, remember:

You are chosen by God to be children in His family. You were redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ to bring glory and honor to God. You were given the Holy Spirit to give you power to live as Christ lived. Go into the world to serve those around you. Go into the world to bring praise, honor, and glory to God.

Amen.

**The End of Today's Worship Service – The Beginning of Service**

### **Announcements**

Welcome to worship with us this morning! We're glad that you're here! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of our compassionate church family... ask Carlos, Larry or an Elder about meaningful participation and membership!

Next Sunday Dr. Carlos Baladez will lead the service.

## 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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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

### Session

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Cathie Owen	Irene Thomas	Katie Lamb
Netsy Williamson	Steve Tovar	

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Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

### Trustees

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Penny Christoff	Fred Archer	Tommy Rudwick

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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

Stated Supply Minister	Vacant
Pulpit Supply Preachers	Dr. Carlos Baladez
	CP Larry Sears
	Elder, Fred Archer
Choir Director	Robin Bernhard
Organist	Cathie Owen
Secretary/Coordinator	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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