Welcome to Crestholme Presbyterian Church 13th Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Lord Jesus Be Present Now" G. Bohm

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcSbMtFBDNc

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Hear, O Lord, Your Servants Gather" Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuBs1ukENIE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Alleluia! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise the Lord in the heights Praise the Lord, all his angels; Praise the Lord, all his hosts.

All: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, Sovereigns and all judges of the earth, Young men and maidens as well, The old and the young together.

LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord, For God's name alone is exalted, Whose splendor rises above heaven and earth.

All: The Lord exalts the strength of the people, And is the praise of all the faithful The praise of the children of Israel, Of the people to whom our God is close. Alleluia! (Ps. 148:1-2, 11-14)

OPENING PRAYER

Abba, Father root us and establish us in your love. May we be given your power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Blue Bk #150 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xeZLDY8fJ1Y

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, why do we sin? What in the world is wrong with us? Why do condemnation, guilt and shame overwhelm us at times? Forgive us Lord when we forget who we are in Christ Jesus. Forgive us when we forget whose we are in the Beloved. And Merciful and Gracious Father, forgive us when we forget that You are always with us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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

* 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

God's Story: Prayer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk_QdQ

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit of God, may you grant us the grace to hear, love, and obey your Word which gives us life. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Kings+8%3A1%2C6%2C10-11&version=NIV

PSALTER READING

Psalm 34:15-22

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+34%3A15-22&version=NIV

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Promised Land"

Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKS8sVGbHtU

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Eph. 6:10-20

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Eph.+6%3A10-20+&version=NIV

GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+6%3A56-69&version=NIV

In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul concludes his letter with this, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (Eph. 6:18, NIV)

Prayer is the essential lifeline to a living and vibrant relationship with God our Father through his Son Jesus Christ by his Holy Spirit. My father told me on more than one occasion, "show me a Christian who does not pray and I will show you a weak Christian."

Prayer can become a way of life for any believer. It can be an experience and when internalized, prayer can lead to a state of being.

Some authors have described prayer as a conversation with God, a wanting what God wants. It can take on many forms for different occasions. Today we will take a look at four kinds of prayers for different occasions and show examples of each.

The first kind of prayer is praise. This is telling God what we love about him or acknowledging what he has done and giving him credit. Take for example this prayer which Moses prayed after God delivered the nascent Israelite nation from the pursuit of Pharaoh. This prayer, or song in this case, is found in Exodus. ""I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy. "In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? "You stretch out your right hand, and the earth swallows your enemies. In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling. The nations will hear and tremble; anguish will grip the people of Philistia. The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away; terror and dread will fall on them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone—until your people pass by, Lord, until the people you bought pass by. You will bring them in and plant

them on the mountain of your inheritance—the place, Lord, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established. "The Lord reigns for ever and ever." (Exodus 15:1-18, NIV)

Another kind of prayer is a prayer of repentance. On this occasion, King David had committed adultery with Bathsheba and then arranged for the murder of her husband. This did not go over well with God. David suffered grave consequences for these actions but his life was spared. On this occasion, David prayed as thus: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar." (Ps. 51, NIV)

A third kind of prayer is asking or petitioning God for a request. On this occasion, Hannah was married but was barren and could not bear children. During these biblical times, barrenness was considered a curse from God. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." She bore a son and named him Samuel. (1 Sam. 1:10-11, NIV)

A fourth kind of prayer is one of yielding or surrender. Here we have two examples of this type of prayer. First, we will look at the prayer of Mary, the mother of Jesus and then one that Jesus himself prayed. The occasion of Mary's prayer was the announcement of the Angel of God to her, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father

David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." Her response to his announce was a prayer of surrender, "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." (Lk. 1:28, 30-33, 38, NIV)

In the case of Jesus, he was facing the awful fact of the crucifixion and the act of becoming sin for us. His prayer occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane. Here is his prayer of yielding or surrender, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matt. 26:39, NIV)

As you can see, prayers come in different forms for different occasions and in different lengths. I encourage you to read these prayers, study them, and ask the Holy Spirit to pray for you and through you to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

To God be the glory now and forever, amen.

* HYMN "God Is My Strong Salvation" Blue Hymnal #179

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9hjYXIfIO0

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 Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen. (The Apostles Creed)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Life up unto the Lord your prayers followed by the Lord's Prayer:

"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

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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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!

* DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal # 592

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord to you we offer ourselves and these your gifts. We ask you receive them, bless them, multiply them, and use them for your Glory and Kingdom's work. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN "God, You Spin The Whirling Planets" Blue Hymnal #285 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B29uPqZvHrE

* BENEDICTION

Precious and beloved saints of God, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Now go, and share the good news. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Weekly Calendar

TBDTBDFood PantryTBDTBDClothes ClosetSunday10:00 AMSunday SchoolSunday11:00 AmWorship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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