



**\* 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**

I Have Called You By Name

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XleokFse\\_yo&t=00m40s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XleokFse_yo&t=00m40s)

**Hear the word of God**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear with greater clarity the teachings of today that we may hold dear in yet new ways what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 50:4-9**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+50%3A4-9&version=NIV>

**PSALTER READING**

**Psalms 54**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+54&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"The Lone Wild Bird"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjaSnN68YNM>

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+3%3A13-4%3A3%2C+7-8a&version=NIV>

**GOSPEL READING**

**Mark 9:30-37**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9%3A30-37&version=NIV>

**SERMON**

**"I Love the Lord"**

**Larry Sears**

Sermon: **I love the Lord**

In the Old Testament lesson today from Isaiah we read a prophecy about what Jesus will go through just before He is led up the hill to Golgotha. His beard will be pulled out. He will be beaten, mocked and spat upon. Then the passage says, "*I will not be disgraced. I will not be put to shame.*" I think I'm missing something. To me, everything mentioned that will happen to the Lord shouts shame and disgrace, so how can Isaiah write, "*I will not be disgraced. I will not be put to shame?*" It appears to be one of those "contradictions" that some people say make the Bible irrelevant.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired written Word of God just as Jesus is the living Word of God. There must be a different way to understand this passage than through my human understanding. In Isaiah 43:1 Isaiah writes, "*But now thus says the Lord who created you, O Jacob, and He that formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.'*" Remember when Jesus was baptized? A voice from heaven

said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." The Jewish leaders saw Jesus as a threat. He was a threat to their way of life, a threat to the peace that Israel had attained under the Roman rule. They needed to take care of the threat. They would do that by the worst form of death that has been devised - crucifixion.

The Sanhedrin and the leadership of Israel would have labeled Jesus a fraud, a threat, and a law breaker. They were more interested in when He performed a miracle, rather than in what the result. When He healed on the Sabbath they criticized Him for "working on the Sabbath." In Matthew 11, they said, "Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." The leaders used human derogatory names for the One that God called His Son. They only looked at Him with human understanding. Humankind has a way of accepting the names we use to define people. The names or labels we are saddled with include; nationality, skin color, gender, education, employment, financial status, and relationships - all those things that we can use to separate ourselves from those who are different from us.

When I was in middle school I was placed in a remedial reading class. I understood what I was reading, but I was treated as if I was slow and unable to learn at the pace of the other students. I listened to what others said about me and began to believe the label. A short time later, one of my teachers told my mom, I was in the wrong class. She suggested that I have my eyes tested. I received my first pair of glasses in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. My mom told me she was so sorry about my eyes. She worked in a doctor's office that was a block away from our house so I visited regularly. We walked by the eye chart several times a week, but she never thought to test my eyes. I remember as we drove home from getting my glasses I was amazed that I could see the individual leaves on the trees and said so. My mom said she almost pulled over and cried because she didn't realize that my eye sight was so poor. I was labeled one way in the school system.

But God...

Somewhere along the line, a teacher noticed something that said the label was wrong. God is like that. We have our labels, but God says otherwise. Man called Jesus names so they could fit Him into their thinking. God called Jesus His Son, and said He loved Him. Which name do you think was the truth?

That is basically the same question that Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered truthfully because he had gotten to know Jesus as he followed Him and rather than listening to the labels people who didn't know Jesus used, Peter believed the labels that Jesus used.

What labels have you allowed to mold you? Listen to what God says about you:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. (Gen. 1)

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)

You are redeemed through His blood. (Ephesians 1:7)

For you are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph.2:10)

You have become a child of God. (John 1:12)

Let us be molded into the people that God has called us to be. Believe what He says about you.

You are loved.

You are redeemed.

You are drawn to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

You are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do god works.

You are a child of God.

And when God created you, He said you were very good!

Because of all of these things you can truthfully say, "I love the Lord."

Walk in the way the Lord is leading you. Bring praise, honor, and glory to Him in all you say and do.

Amen.

**\* HYMN**

**"Thou My Vision"**

**Blue Hymnal #339**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihJAJA4ibEs>

**Respond in Love and Service**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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!

Remember this, "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness."

**\* DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal #592**

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

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Your love, O God, binds us together in ways we could never achieve on our own. We give thanks for all your gracious activities in people's lives over the centuries and we offer these gifts and the service of our lives as signs of our gratitude and willingness to make your love known

through our witness to, and love for, neighbors nearby and far away. In Jesus' name we pray.  
**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**

Everlasting God hear us as we pray in faith and focus on the needs of others as well as ourselves. We pray for the whole family of your church here at Crestholme and all other churches as well. May all your people be built up in faith and demonstrate in their lives the gospel of Jesus Christ. Give courage to those who find it hard to follow you. Give us encouragement when we, like St Peter, find the teachings of your Son difficult to take on board.  
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

**\* CLOSING HYMN            "Lord, Speak To Me, That I May Speak"            Blue Hymnal #426**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvYSoGP7pwM>

### **\* BENEDICTION**

It is time to leave this service of worship and praise and enter into the service of the Lord to our families, friends, and neighbors. As you go, remember that the Lord has called you by name, and has put His Holy Spirit in you to teach you, lead you and reach through you to bless those you come in contact with. Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, the love of God, and with grace and mercy given to you by Jesus Christ. 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

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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

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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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