

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Panis Angelicus" **C. Franck**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkV5IHKBJSw>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

God permitting, next Sunday we will be celebrating Communion

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THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "For the Beauty of the Earth" **Choir**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy7t2Uasqe8>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

LEADER: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

All: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. (Based on Ps. 19:7-10, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

We lift up our eyes to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he shows us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us, for we have endured no end of contempt. We have endured no end of ridicule from the arrogant, of contempt from the proud. Amen.

(Ps. 123, NIV)

*** OPENING HYMN** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word" **Blue Bk #454**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqnKnU5yKIU>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, the heavens declare your glory and the skies proclaim the work of your hands. By your decrees, we your servants are warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive our hidden faults. Keep us your servants also from willful sins; may they not rule over us. Then we will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of our mouths and this meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. In the name of our savior, Christ Jesus. 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=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).

CHILDREN'S TIME

Creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, it is by your command the sun and the moon illuminate the sky in their respective time. We ask you to illuminate our hearts and minds by that same power you lovingly obey as we hear your word today. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask, amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Esther+7%3A1-6%2C+9-10&version=NIV>

PSALTER READING

Psalms 124

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+124&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Set Down Servant"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqqV3OELjeU>

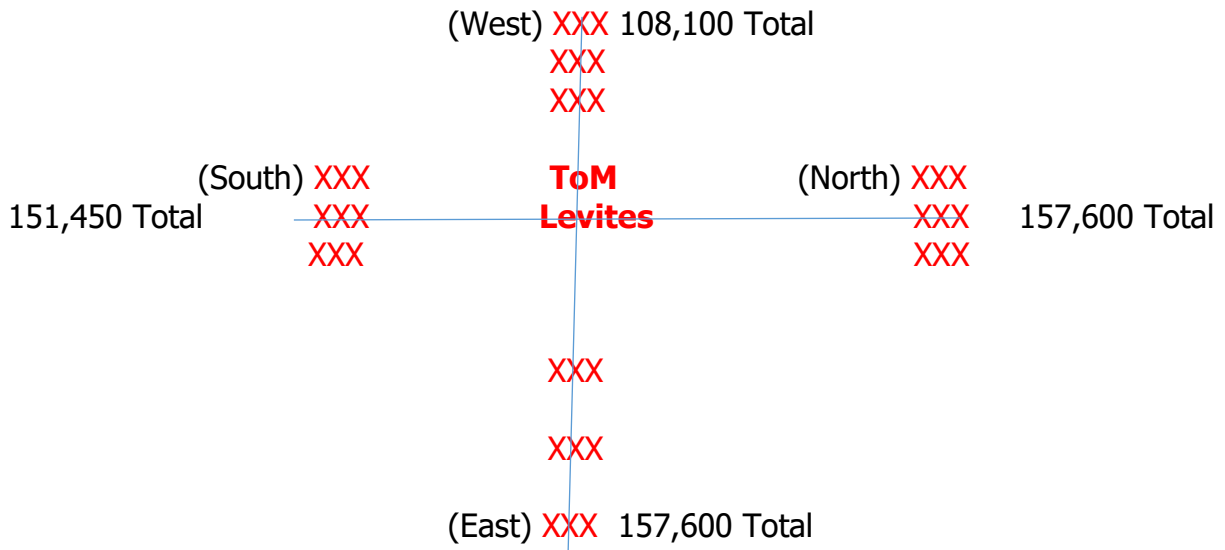
NEW TESTAMENT READING**James 5:13-20**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+5%3A13-20&version=NIV>**GOSPEL READING****Mark 9:38-50**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+9%3A38-50&version=NIV>**SERMON****"All the Lord's People"
Numbers 11:29****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

Have you ever had the unpleasant experience of searching for an item and not finding it because it was not in the place you thought it should be or you were looking for it in a different shape or color? Remember the relief, joy, and surprise in finding it? You just could not believe it was right in front of your eyes and you were not able to see it. What blinded you? Expectations, perhaps. We see something similar in today's passage and yet we witness the faithfulness of God our Lord in spite of his people's blindness. Today's passage occurs in the middle of a narrative where the people of God were complaining of having any meat to eat in the desert. Moses was troubled and made his feelings known to God. God heard of all this and instructed Moses to gather 70 elders in order to place some of the power of the Spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon them.

Numbers 11:24-27 reads as follows, "So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Eldad means, "God has loved," while Medad means, "love." Now see what happens when we insert the meanings of these two men's names respectively into the biblical passage.

This portion of scripture opens up and its beautiful meaning is revealed. "And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, 'God has loved,' and 'love' do prophesy in the camp." Pause a moment and meditate on this, "God has loved." And, "love" prophecies in the camp." Is this not the whole meaning of the Cross: God's love? Yes! See below and take notice of the pattern God instructed Moses and his people (in Numbers chapter two) to march in formation. And also to camp accordingly as instructed. This pattern forms a cross as you can see below.



When Moses heard the report of the young man, Moses responded, "I WISH that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" All would thus proclaim that, "God had loved," and "love" does prophesy.

It seems that the people of God in the "Old Testament" could not see what was right in front of their eyes because it was not what they expected or because it was not in the manner they expected it to occur. It appears that we "New Testament" believers share the same experience when we do not see what is right in front of our eyes because it is not how we expect God to act or he does not provide according to our timeline or in the manner we wish.

The cross best expresses the love of God in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, Savior, and God; Jesus Christ!

Who would have thought that God's solution to our sin problem (hunger experienced in the desert) and reconciliation with him (hunger satisfied), would have been in the crucifixion of his only begotten son? And yet, here it is. Believe and behold and be saved and continue being saved. In other words, Be made whole and be kept being made whole. Then you too will prophesy or declare that "God has loved," and that "Love speaks." Hallelujah!

To God be the glory, now and forever more, amen.

* **HYMN** **"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"** **Blue Hymnal #244**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG6kS1o5PpA>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

Now this we know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, bring you peace among the shakers and the shaken of this world, between the movers and the moved in government policies, between the rich and the poor, the haves and the have-nots between the "us" and the "them." Merciful God, hear our prayers. We thus 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=wqxGexNnqJU>

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY Blue Hymnal # 592**

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty Provider in heaven and in earth, to you belong the cattle on a thousand hills and all the silver and gold are yours. We add nothing to your riches, yet in love we recognize in these gifts that they came from you in the first place. Take. Break. Multiply and use for thy kingdom's sake, amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" Blue Hymnal #387**

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

*** BENEDICTION**

As blessed people of God, go and share the good news to those you meet today. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service

Weekly Calendar

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| 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.

Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

Session

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| <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 | | |

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