# Welcome to Crestholme Presbyterian Church 19th Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021

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

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

### **Gather for Worship**

PRELUDE "Christ, Comforter of the World"

J.S.Bach

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sM3yCVqan7c

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Now to Your Table Spread" Choir https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvpFvOLz8Q8

#### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

**All:** Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

LEADER: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

**All:** You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

LEADER: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8, NIV)

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we testify with the Psalmist that you have set your glory in the heavens. We also agree with the songwriter, "heaven came down and glory filled my soul." It is in you and around you that we gather today to sing your praises. Amen

\* OPENING HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUrklR-EGw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUrklR-EGw</a> Blue Hymnal #457

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us when we fail to consider the works of your hands. Forgive us when we fail to remember how majestic your name truly is in all the earth. We repent because we have missed the mark. Your handiwork is amazing and your name is above all other names. The heavens declare your works day and night. In our repentance we join them in praise of your work and worship you. Amen.

#### **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=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**

The Heavens Declare

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DmPud DWiI

#### **Hear the Word of God**

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all glory and might, may our hearts and souls shine brighter than the noonday sun as your Word and Holy Spirit illuminates our spirits. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Job%201%3A1%2CJob%202%3A1-10&version=NIV

PSALM READING Psalm 26

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+26&version=NIV

CHORAL ANTHEM "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" Choir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aGWmCan-40

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

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GOSPEL READING Mark 10:2-16

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mk+10.2-16&version=NIV

SERMON "The Blessing of God Comes..." Dr. Carlos Baladez
Mark 10:16

Have you ever seen one of those YouTube videos where a small child rushes onto the soccer field just to get a closer look and perhaps touch his favorite soccer player? Soon, the stadium police are chasing down the child attempting to prevent him or her from getting too close to the player. Then all of a sudden, the player notices the commotion and waves the security forces away and summons the child to come to him. These are touching videos. We call them, "feel good" moments.

We have something similar in today's passage, yet with some major differences. Here, children are actively being brought to Jesus in order to be touched or to be blessed by him. The disciples are Jesus' detail team and chide those bringing the children to Jesus. When Jesus sees their action, he does not merely wave them off, like a soccer player, no he becomes indignant! Jesus responds in a rather forceful way to the disciple's unfair treatment of these little ones. Like the Syrophoenician woman in Mark chapter 7, these small ones too had the right to the crumbs that fell from the little children's table.

All of a sudden, the disciples know it is a Homer Simpson, 'Doh" moment and Jesus seizes the opportunity to teach his disciples something new about the Kingdom of God.

In essence, Jesus teaches his disciples not to chase away nor prohibit those coming to God by his grace, mercy, and love. The Kingdom of God, or the rule of God, is received with a childlike dependent attitude. It is not merely an attitude, but a Kingdom reality. The open invitation still stands today, "Whosoever wants, come...."

Having a right standing with God, peace with God, and the joy of God, (which by the way, is our strength), comes as sheer gift on the part of God. He gives. We receive. He speaks. We believe. We are, because He Is. Coming to God has nothing to do with social standing or economic privilege. One does one earn a way into God's presence. In God's Kingdom, you do not pay to play, nor do you pay have a place at the table for time to speak with "The President."

No, entering God's presence comes by invitation, with a heartfelt sincerity knowing that God is good and he will not refuse admittance to anyone coming to him with childlike faith; trusting, believing, and receiving – all by God's sheer grace!

The blessing of God comes freely. It comes lovingly, and is received by you in childlike faith, trusting that his touch will not be denied to you.

Therefore, come. Yes, you! Come, and do not allow anyone, nor any circumstance, nor any false belief, lie, or bad experience to keep you from coming to God through Jesus. He longs to touch you. He longs to bless you in the name and authority of his Father. Our Father which art in heaven... Praises be to God.

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

\* HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" Blue Hymnal #439 https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=IxG0EhEXA3k

#### **Respond in Love and Service**

#### \* This we believe

Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May your peace also saturate the rest of the world too. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. 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

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! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! (Ps. 103:1 ESV)

\* DOXOLOGY

Blue Hymnal # 592

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

#### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator of Heaven and Earth, to you belongs all the silver and gold. All the cattle on a thousand hills belong to you too. We offer you ourselves and these gifts which are rightfully yours too. Bless and multiply, we pray. 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

"I Come with Joy"

Blue #507

https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=vp8J6D0emus&t=40s

#### \* BENEDICTION

Crestholme, may the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. (Ancient Irish blessing)

The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service
Next Sunday, Elder, Fred Archer will be leading worship. Welcome Fred!

**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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## **Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers**

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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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