

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

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+1%3A1-4%3B+2%3A5-12&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING**Mark 10:2-16**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=mk+10.2-16&version=NIV>**SERMON*****"The Blessing of God Comes..."***
Mark 10:16**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

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 Syrophenician 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 not earn a way into God's presence. In God's Kingdom, you do not pay to play, nor do you pay to 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.

***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.youtube.com/watch?v=vp8J6DOemus&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

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

<u>Class of 2021</u> Cathie Owen Netsy Williamson	<u>Class of 2022</u> Irene Thomas Steve Tovar	<u>Class of 2023</u> Katie Lamb
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Church Treasurer: Fred Archer

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<u>Class of 2021</u> Penny Christoff	<u>Class of 2022</u> Fred Archer	<u>Class of 2023</u> Tommy Rudwick
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Crestholme Presbyterian Church Staff

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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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