

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
21th Sunday of Pentecost
October 17, 2021**

At the *, please stand, if you are able.
Large Print Hymnals, Bibles, and Hearing Assist Devices are available upon request.

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

"Canzona"

Frescobaldi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfXUN_3a2bs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "In the Name of the Lord"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX7Orjxphjc>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To my sisters and brothers I will tell your glory:

People: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Leader: In the great congregation I will sing your praise:

People: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, as we meet to worship and adore You, let our hearts be turned to You. As we praise You, remind us of Your faithfulness. As we call on Your Name, hear us and answer us.

We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty" Blue Hymnal #482**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxZKjro8hS4>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures. Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our separate ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and re-create us, for the sake of Christ our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us? Yet God now calls us beloved children; Jesus now claims us as sisters and brothers. This is the good news of God's grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal #579

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

*** 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

Serve One Another

(Mark 10:42-45)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN7ToThiyt8>

Hear the word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as you spoke long ago through the voices of your prophets, speak to us here, speak to us now, through the power of your Spirit and the promise of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A4-12+%amp;version=NIV>

PSALTER READING

Psalms 91:9-16

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+91%3A9-16+%amp;version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbySbnVxV08>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+5%3A1-10%3B+2%3A5-12+%amp;version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+10%3A35-45+%amp;version=NIV>

SERMON

"Brothers and Sisters"

Larry Sears

According to the epistle reading today, Jesus the Christ is bringing many sons and daughters to glory. *Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.^[a] 12 He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises."*

"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." Jesus raises us to a different level. He brings us up to His level by calling us brothers and sisters. Ephesians states, *"He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."*

Jesus Christ is part of the Trinity. The scriptures tell us that everything was made through Him. He was seated at God's right hand and then He was made a little lower than the angels when He took on the form of a man. In that form, the One Who makes people holy and those who are made holy – you and me – became one family.

Listen to what Paul tells the Ephesians:

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he^[d] predestined us for adoption to sonship^[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he^[d] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

We celebrated World Communion Sunday this month. It is an attempt to remind us that the Church, the Body of Christ, is one body whose head is Jesus Christ. In the communion service we say these words of institution:

The LORD Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen LORD, until he comes."

Jesus commanded us to love the Lord our God, and our neighbor as ourselves. One way to show that love is to proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until He comes again. All who call on the name of the Lord are saved and become the children of the living God. They become family members, our brothers and sisters – regardless of political persuasion, economic position, race, education, or any other way we may try to bring division between people.

Listen to what John wrote about loving God and one another:

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

If I accept the fact that all who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord are my brothers and sisters, then I know the Spirit will help me to love them all. Look at Crestholme for example. When one hurts, we all hurt. That is because the Spirit has given us a love for one another. He shows us how to help each other, how to pray for each other.

It's actually easy to love each of you. First of all I know you love me. Secondly, as a person doing pulpit supply, I have come to know you. I see the love and care you give to one another. As Crestholme we are a family, and Christ is the head of our family.

What does this mean about how we treat those who do not confess Jesus Christ as their Savior? Are we free to deal with them as we want? Jesus answered that question with the parable of the Good Samaritan. What are the greatest commandments from God? *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself."* Who is my neighbor? The one on whom I can shower the love of God.

God loves His creation. He loves and has compassion on you and me, and He loves and has compassion on those who do not recognize what He has done for us. Just as we show God's love and care for us by helping our brothers and sisters in the Lord, God asks us to show that same love and care for all of those who were made in His image, whether they confess that Jesus is Lord or not.

Crestholme, you do show this kind of love to the community through the food pantry and the clothes closet. As you reach out through those ministries, do so with humility and grace. Allow the love that God showers on you to be visible to all those you help. Pray for one another, and pray for those who come to you for help.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may His Word find a place in your heart to grow and produce fruit that brings God glory and honor.

Amen

*** HYMN**

"I Love thy Kingdom"

Blue Hymnal #441

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

Respond in Love and Service

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

Blue Hymnal #592

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, through the offering of these gifts and the offering of our lives. Amen.

*** HYMN FOR OUR NATION**

"Heal Our Land"

Red Hymnal #800

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTm_rA54EGw

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please offer your prayers to our Father followed by: "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"

* **CLOSING HYMN** **"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"** **Blue Hymnal #343**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQpQNMiX078>

* **BENEDICTION**

May the God of peace who raised Christ from the dead Strengthen your inner being for every good work. And may the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit Rest upon you and dwell within you This day and evermore. 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!

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday October 24th, 2021 for the purpose of electing an Elder and Trustee for the class of 2024. This meeting will also ratify the revised By-Laws for Crestholme.



HOLY SMOKE LITE

Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:00PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church

IN-PERSON

Covenant Presbyterian Church
211 Roletto Dr. San Antonio
Socially-Distanced in Sanctuary

VIRTUALLY

Click link for
"Holy Smoke Lite" at
www.CovenantCares.Org

Donation checks must be made out to "Presbyterian Cluster Habitat**"
and mailed to Covenant Presbyterian Church, C/O Martha Flores:
211 Roletto Dr. San Antonio 78213**

Benefiting:



Next Sunday Dr. Carlos Baladez will lead the service. Welcome, Dr. Baladez!

