

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
7th Sunday after Epiphany  
February 20, 2022**

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

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

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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE:** "Pastorale" **C. Wesley**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ru\\_XiaWBIXc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ru_XiaWBIXc)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRfzx7Xc1tA>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

**All:** Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**LEADER:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

**All:** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**LEADER:** For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

**ALL:** The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him. (Based on Ps. 37:1-11, 39-40 NIV)



**CHORAL ANTHEM****"Love"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQrNMJrgbyM>**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 12**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+12&version=NIV>**SERMON****"El Hakkadosh, Holy God"  
Isaiah 6:3****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

We have had a great start on our way to Knowing God by name. Thus far, we have looked at the following names of God: Yahweh, Elohim, Adonai, Rishon Va-Acharon, and Adonai Yahweh. Through these names, we have met God as self-existent, mighty, master/creator over all, the first and the last, and sovereign. These names bring us comfort knowing that we serve a God who is not dependent on anyone or anything. He is not limited in power, knowledge, or understanding. He speaks, and things come into being. He is before time. His glory weighs more than any mass, and he is greater than all the space combined. He is the first and he is the last.

We will now be moving into his character qualities. The first one in our study is God's holiness. Holiness is to be set apart, sacred, pure, clean, and free from any defilement or profane thing. God is holy. His name is El Hakkadosh, Holy God.

Today's scripture, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory," occurs within the passage of the prophet Isaiah's calling.

It's funny how God seems to show up during times of crises in our lives. During life-changing events. The prophet relates that it was the year that King Uzziah died. It was a time of mourning in the life and nation of Israel. And yet, during this time of pain is when Isaiah sees the Lord (Adonai), high and exalted. He sees Adonai seated on a throne. And he also sees the temple filled by the mere train of the Lord's robe. The Lord is attended by seraphim. These angelic beings are described by the prophet as having six wings; with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. At the same time, they were crying out to each other in a loud sound proclaiming the nature of God as, "Holy, holy, holy." They also declare a compound name of God; Yahweh Sabaoth (Lord of Hosts or Armies). At this, the prophet witnesses the threshold of the foundations tremble.

At this point, Isaiah realized two things; who he is and who God is. And the prophet fears for his life for he knows he has just seen the God of the universe in the majesty of his holiness. Isaiah comes to the realization of who he is, a man of unclean lips living among people of unclean lips. What now? Can the unholy stand in the presence of the holy?

Enter the compassion, mercy, and love of our Holy God. Instead of destruction, Isaiah is met with the divine making him fit to stand in the presence of the one and Holy God. That part of Isaiah which was unclean was touched by holy fire - taking his guilt from him making atonement for his sin.

All this in one fell swoop! Such is the power of our Holy God. Instead of banishment, destruction, and destitution God in his holiness brings atonement and freedom. Our Holy God made peace, unity, and at-one-ment between that who is holy and that who was unholy resulting in a clean and guilt-free relationship between creator and creation.

God does not deal with us according to what our sins deserve but according to His lovingkindness. He is holy, thus he deals with us in a right, just, and moral way. The right and moral thing for a holy God to do is to make things right. And things are made right through forgiveness!

Hallelujah! O What a MIGHTY and HOLY GOD we serve. We can count on El Hakkadosh to always do right.

\* **HYMN**                      **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**                      **Blue Hymnal #210**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP\\_XxCBDZY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP_XxCBDZY)

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

\* **This we believe**

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 Spirit; 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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, as we lift the prayers in our hearts to you, please answer them according to your loving will. In gratitude we now pray the prayer our Lord 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=XIShxi3PkYQ>

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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CPC  
PO Box 23919.  
SA TX 78223-0901

Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again. Thank you!

**\* DOXOLOGY**      **Blue Hymnal # 592**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQUTvMtUhw4>

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, as your holy people we bring to you these holy offerings and gifts. In offerings to you ourselves and these bonanzas, we recognize we belong to you and that all good things come from you. Please accept them, multiply them, and use them for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN**      **"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"**      **Blue Hymnal #366**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDUctNubasA>

**\* BENEDICTION**

The one to whom the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" blesses you this morning. Go in his holy name and declare the good news, "God loves you!" reminding them that they are loved and they are valued. Amen.

**\* POSTLUDE**

**The End of this Worship Meeting — The Beginning of Service**

**Next Sunday, Dr. Carlos Baladez will continue our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."**

