

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022**

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

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE

“O Dearest Jesu”

Walcha

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rgaX5ydkUA>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Session voted to collect a relief offering for those fleeing war-torn Ukraine. Offerings will be collected through Resurrection Sunday. If donating by check, please write the following in the memo line to designate your gift to this effort: DR000156-Ukraine. If donating cash, please include a note in your offering envelope. Thank you!

THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP “Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7HJL38qaos>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

LEADER: Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

All: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

LEADER: Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! (Ps. 32, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

We gather here to worship you, Almighty God. It is you who has made us your own many times over. You have even carved our names in the palm of your hand. We love you, because you first loved us. Amen

*** OPENING HYMN "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" Blue #477**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GH0aLQwhRY>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and powerful God, at times we are conflicted. We make choices based on fear; on fear of the future, on fear of what might happen, on fear of being out of control. At other times we make choices based on shame or even unbelief. Forgive us for our sin and shortsightedness. Remind us that with you all things are possible because your love and power knows no limits. We therefore, repent, because of your love for us. 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

A Mighty Fortress is our God Bible Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPXuVV4orUk>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Father of light, revealed in Jesus Christ, allow your Holy Spirit to illuminate our darken understanding and give us insight into who you are. In the name of Jesus we ask, amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 9

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%209&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM**"Lamb of God"****Choir**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QGNUDsQ6fI>**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 10**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+10&version=NIV>**SERMON*****"Rab-Koach, Mighty Power"***
1 Chronicles 29:11-12**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."

Since the beginning the power of God has been self-evident. A look at creation immediately raises these questions, "Who made all this? How did it all come about? How did we get here?" The Genesis account addresses these questions. It must have been some power to get all of this in order.

By the power in God's Word, the darkness is pushed back while the light is called forth.

By the power of his Word all the other things in the next 6 days are created.

The only exception to this is us. He creates us humans not by the power of his Word but by his very own hand working in the dust. Then gave us life by the breath of his Spirit.

Moving forward a few thousand years, we have another display of God's power in the Exodus account. Here, God delivers one nation from another without any traditional weapons of war. Instead, he uses the abundance of his creation. Blood, gnats, hail, and finally, death.

Advancing the timeline another thousand years, God once again put his power in full display, this time for people to see in the incarnation of himself in his son Christ Jesus. Words of powerful wisdom were heard. In John 7:46 the guards are quoted as saying "No one ever spoke this way this man does." God incarnate, in Jesus, reveals power over creation as witnessed at a wedding of all places, where water is turned to wine because a celebration needed to continue. The power of God is revealed as the sick were healed, the demonic were set free, and finally death and the grave were defeated at the resurrection.

Yet, possibly, the greatest display of God's power is yet to be seen. All of creation is waiting for the children of God to be revealed. It is in this display of power where all creation will be set free from frustration. Until this very day, all of creation groans to

see sin and its ugly effects banished from the face of the earth. And this future display of power has already started; giving us a peek of what is to come. This is because Christ Jesus has ushered in the kingdom of God and it is now within us awaiting its full expression in love. At long last, love will rule all of creation, including stubborn and obstinate humankind. On that day all darkness in all its form will be put to rest and light will shine towards us, within us, and out from us forever, reflecting the true source of all light, God. Once again we will see, as in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, God in the end will recreate all of creation, including the new man, the new woman, the new earth, and the new stars, with a new people of God displaying the glorious image of the resurrected Christ who is our hope of glory. For our God is Mighty in Power.

To God be the glory now and forever, amen!

*** HYMN** **"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** **Blue Hymnal #101**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRfcehPOS LU>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Amen. (2 Cor. 5:1-10, NIV)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

To you O Lord, the maker and sustainer of all creation, we lift up our hearts. Listen and hear our deepest groaning and our most intense longing for our world, family, friends and self. Answer us in a tangible way allowing us to recognize your hand moving on our behalf. 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!

*** DOXOLOGY**

Blue Hymnal # 592

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of abundant and overflowing love, we bring ourselves and these gift that come from your hand. We bless you in return because you first blessed us. Take. Break. Multiply and use for your honor's sake. In the name of Christ Jesus we ask. 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

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Sharing of the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen (Take the bread and eat)

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen (Drink the cup)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" Blue #516**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nZUMLP63ug>

*** BENEDICTION**

Go forth in the Peace of the Lord, in the Love of the Father, and the Presence of the Holy Spirit and share the bread of life with those you meet. Amen.

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.

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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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