

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
Resurrection of the Lord  
April 17, 2022**

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



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**Gather for Worship**

**PRELUDE:**

**"The Lord is Ris'n Today"**

**J.S. Bach**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

**Choir**

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



**\* 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 Resurrection of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb24Lk1Oh5M>

**Hear the Word of God**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Abba Father, you do not show favoritism. You accept people from every nation who fears you and do what is right. You anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, therefore, we ask you today that you anoint us with the same Holy Spirit and power to carry on the work of your kingdom in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2065%3A17-25&version=NIV>

**PSALTER READING**

**Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+118%3A1-2%2C+14-24&version=NIV>

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"Let Us Rejoice and Sing Praises"**

**Choir**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+15%3A19-26++&version=NIV>

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 20:1-18**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A1-18+&version=NIV>

**SERMON**

**"Yahweh, Borey-Lord Creator"  
Isaiah 40:27-28**

**Dr. Carlos Baladez**

"O Jacob, how can you say the Lord does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights? Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. **He never grows weak or weary.** (He does not quit! He accomplishes what he has spoken and planned before Genesis 1:1) No one can measure the depths of his understanding." (NLB)

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived God. He was there in three expressions. One as Father, another as Son, and the third as Holy Spirit. In this land,

there is no time, space, or matter. It just is. Here, God created certain beings. Some of these beings had two wings while others had six wings. Together, they would do God's good bidding. Some would sing, others would bring messages, while others protected. All knew of God's reputation. Among other good and wonderful qualities, God was known to be good, merciful, loving, and holy.

One of these creatures decided to revolt against God and convinced a third of his fellow beings to join him. When evil was discovered within them, they were cast out from their privileged positions.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. It was here that time, matter, and space were introduced. God called out and separated the light from the darkness. He placed celestial bodies in the sky high above the earth. From the deep waters, he called out marine life while from the earth he called out the land animals; giraffes, elephants, lions, tigers, and bears, oh my!

On the sixth day just before sunset, he formed the man out of the dust of the earth, and out of the man, he formed his life partner, a woman. Together, they were called Adam.

Both were given the task to subdue the earth and rule over the fish, birds, and every living creature that moved on the ground. They were to be fruitful and increase in number thus populating the earth. They were given free rein in the Garden of Eden, with one stipulation; they were not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Well, as it turned out, they decided not to trust God, eat of the forbidden fruit and were cast out of Eden to live out the consequences of their lack of trust. It did not take long for the human race to go from bad to worse. Their oldest slaughtered his younger brother. The descendants of the older brother took revenge to a whole new level, exacting revenge seven times worse. Humankind arrived at the point where all they were thinking about was how to do more evil than the day before. This behavior crushed God's heart. He decided to wipe out his creation with the exception of one man and his family. His family survived the flood because they obeyed the instructions of God.

The head of this family decided to plant a vineyard after the floodwaters receded. He made wine with the grapes and became drunk. While in his drunken stupor, one of his sons saw his nakedness. This disrespect brought on a curse to the grandson. From here, generations of humans were reproduced and different people groups settled in different parts of the earth.

There was one particular man, once again, that caught God's attention. Out of this man, God created a nation. His people moved into Egypt where they became their slaves. After 400 years, God called these enslaved people out of bondage. God once again raised another man. This time, a man was raised right out of the enemy's camp.

This particular man became a fugitive as his murderous act was found out. While out in the wilderness taking care of his father-in-law's livestock, God called him through a burning bush. He reluctantly accepted God's challenge and returned to the land of his birth and led his rightful people out from under the hand of oppression and slavery. But you guessed it, these people eventually too became evil in their acts forgetting who saved them out of oppression. They started to "whore," around as they left God and worshiped gods made of wood and stone; gods that had been made by the hands of men whose origin was dust.

Hundreds of years later, God brought out his, "secret," plan. A failsafe plan to save his most precious creation. You see quite often, humans wondered if God was truly good, merciful, loving, and holy. Humans quite often called God out on his character. Does he really care? Is he really powerful enough to separate sin from man's heart like he was able to separate darkness from light in the beginning?

This "secret," plan is what we celebrate and commemorate on this day, Resurrection Sunday. God came to earth in the person of his dear Son, Jesus Christ. As Luke tells us, Jesus speaking here, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Today, we celebrate the reality that God was in Jesus Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Through this one man, God finally finds the ONE who will express him fully and completely. In this great act of total surrender and emptying of himself and fulfilling the Father's will, the son took upon himself sin and the penalty of death. And because of his innocence, the Holy Spirit in his awesome power raised Jesus from among the dead to live forevermore. Here again as in the beginning, we see the same God expressed in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Yes, to those who believe, sight is given to see that God is truly good, merciful, loving, and holy. So what does this kind of God do with sinful humanity? The right thing. The righteous thing. The loving, gracious, merciful thing is to forgive, redeem, restore, transform, and create humankind anew. Just as humankind proceeded out of the first man, a new kind of humankind proceeds out of Jesus Christ. Out of Jesus Christ God creates a loving, merciful, good, kind, and holy race. A race after the glory of the living Christ. Therefore, having experienced God's forgiving grace, mercy and love we agree with God. God is good. He is merciful, loving, and holy.

We know and give witness: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
Alleluia!

To God be the glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

\* HYMN

**"Christ Is Alive!"**

**Blue Hymnal #108**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fD8pxDgTZZU>

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

\* **This we believe**

"On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others." -- Indeed, Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Amen. (Based on Lk. 24:1-9, NIV)

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

**Here, present to the Lord the desires of your heart, followed by the Lord's Prayer.**

"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=qTm\\_rA54EGw](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!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! From the house of the LORD we bless you. (Ps. 118:26, NIV)

\* **DOXOLOGY**

**Blue Hymnal # 592**

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

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all bounty and blessings, thank you! Today, we bring to you ourselves and these rewards of the fruit of our labor. We recognize that it is you who has blessed with such abundance, therefore we bring what is rightfully yours. In the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN                    "The Day of Resurrection"                    Blue Hymnal #118**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49hPB6NTVEE>

**\* BENEDICTION**

Since all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus, let us therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded us. Remember, surely He is with us always, to the very end of the age. Go freely and confidently, saints of God, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ; God is Love! Amen.

**\* POSTLUDE**

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

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

