

**Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church
6th Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022**

At the *, please stand, if you are able

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

Gather for Worship

PRELUDE: "Elevation" **Dubois**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Bnu_Zq8AI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "We Have Come to Join in Worship" Choir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey40wScBOWk>

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us— so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

All: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

LEADER: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

All: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. (Ps. 67, NIV)

OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, King of the Ages, we gather here today to give you honor. We worship you for who you are and we praise you for the things you have done. Receive our recognition of you from hearts overflowing with your great love for us. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Blue Bk #145**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_GBKSqtqvI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign Lord, help us for your name's sake; out of the goodness of your love, deliver us. For we are poor and needy, and our hearts are wounded within us. We fade away like an evening shadow; we are shaken off like a locust. Our knees give way from fasting; our bodies are thin and gaunt. We are an object of scorn to our accusers; when

they see us, they shake their heads. Help us, Lord our God; save us according to your unfailing love. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Accept us and make us yours, forevermore. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Beloved, hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Blue Hymnal #579

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

*** SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

Leader: As God's forgiven people, share the peace of Christ with each other (from your seat please).

CHILDREN'S TIME

He is the King of Kings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gH8YzqQ7iHE>

Hear the Word of God

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

King of the Ages, grant us humble hearts to hear and receive and do what your Holy Spirit will reveal and deposit in our hearts and minds as we listen to your Word this morning. In Jesus' name, amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deut. 34:1-12

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+34.1-12&version=NIV>

PSALTER READING

Psalms 109:21-31

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+109%3A21-31&version=NIV>

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbnhUlj2PZ4>

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:9-15

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+16%3A9-15&version=NIV>

GOSPEL READING

John 5:1-9

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+5%3A1-9&version=NIV>

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

**"Melek Olamin, King of Ages"
1 Timothy 1:17**

Dr. Carlos Baladez

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." (NIV)

Someone once said that your parents become wiser the older you become. Can you remember wise sayings your parents would tell you but you did not have the life experience to really understand? Some of the sayings came in form of parables, stories, similes, or metaphors.

I can still remember some of my parents' and my grandparents' sayings and sage advice.

One time when I was about sixteen, I was driving my mother's VW and I noticed a weird noise coming from underneath the trunk. I observed the noise would resolve itself when I drove and then return whenever I came to a complete stop. I decided to drive into a low-trafficked residential street, stop, and investigate. I came to a stop sign, put the car in park, and left the engine running. As I took a peek underneath the chassis I noticed that the muffler appeared loose moving from side to side striking another metal component. I decided to test my theory out, sooooo I placed my hand on the tailpipe to keep it from moving and to my amazement my diagnosis was correct. In my excitement, it took a while for my brain to register that the tailpipe was hot. By that time my palm was nice and toasty. OUCH! Is right!

When I returned home my grandfather noticed my reddened hand and asked me what had happened. I then proceeded to tell him the story.

You see, my grandfather was a man of very few words. Not grouchy or mean but just quiet. I was surprised when he spoke up and said, "One does not need to go to school and study for that." The funny thing is I had no clue what he meant by that until many years later. In essence, he was saying, "you don't need to attend school to learn stupid! HAHAHA. Yep, but oh, how I have learned to think before I act. One muffler burned hand lesson is good for a lifetime.

In today's passage, regarding the name of God, we have an elderly Paul giving advice to a young Timothy. He was urging Timothy to stay in Ephesus so he could command certain people not to teach false doctrines and advise others not to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such foolishness only promoted controversial speculations rather than advancing the work of God by faith. Sadly, Paul remained Timothy that some had departed from the command and the goal of love. Instead, they had turned to meaningless talk. They wanted to be teachers of the law, but they did not know what they were talking about or what they so confidently affirmed. Paul "knew that the law was good if one uses it properly. He also knew that the law was made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the

unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which God entrusted to Paul.”

Remember my grandfather’s comment, “You don’t need to attend school to learn stupid!” When we weaponized scripture to make a point, to defend and support a personal viewpoint, we think we know how to use the law. We make it personal, teaching false doctrines buying into myths, (here read conspiracy theories) and endless genealogies, like some of the rhetoric of today, “go back home to where you came from!” Question, does this include going back to Europe?

Paul instead points Timothy to a better way. To the best way actually. The best way is the grace of our Lord which is poured out to us along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Paul continues with a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”

Now here is the clincher, Paul advises Timothy to focus. To focus on the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, who is to be honored and given glory forever and ever. Amen.

When I was a young man, my father gave me this pearl of wisdom. He said, “Son, keep your eyes on Jesus because any other man, including myself, will disappoint you. Jesus will never disappoint!”

In the current milieu of our world and local events, we see and hear about wars, famines, natural disasters, people groups rising against other people groups and the like. Jesus told us these things would happen and then reassured us not to worry because he will always be with us.

Let us then focus on Melek Olamin, the King of the Ages. The leader, the prince, the commander of the living, those who live eternally believing on Jesus Christ. Melek Olamin is the ruler over and beyond time and eternity in this age and the one to come.

Melek Olamin is not liable to corruption or decay. He is imperishable, risen from the dead. He died once to sin and lives unto God forevermore. Melek Olamin is the King invisible, unseen who in Jesus came to reveal to us our glorious, loving, and honorable Heavenly Father, whose wise saying echoes in our hearts, “You are mine and I am yours beloved, forevermore!” Amen.

* **HYMN** **“God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”** **Blue Hymnal #191**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzNgFWYVgs4>

Respond in Love and Service

*** This we believe**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayers of the People...Here, present your prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of intercession before the Lord. Follow your petitions with 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"

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY**

Blue Hymnal # 592

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Father, God, unto you in the name of Jesus, and with the power of your Holy Spirit, we present ourselves and these gifts. Please receive them as an act of love. In the name of Christ Jesus, amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN "Take Thou Our Minds Dear Lord" Blue Hymnal #392**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRfzx7Xc1tA>

*** BENEDICTION**

The grace of the Son, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit rest upon you. Go forth in the confidence of the finished work of the cross and share the Good News with those you meet. 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."

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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