

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
5th Sunday of Easter  
May 15, 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:**                    **"What e'er My God Ordains Is Right"**                    **Pachellbel**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9tYHMzBXio>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**    **"The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"**                    **Choir**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkP3H-IN30c>

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**All:** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away.

**LEADER:** Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

**All:** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.  
(Ps. 148, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God Almighty, with our mouths we will greatly extol you and in the great throng of worshipers we will praise him. May your Holy Wind blow us in the direction of your power and love and lead us in our worshipping of you today. Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” Blue Bk #131**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DG5ru3IUnJA>

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most merciful God, before you and the whole company of heaven, and in front of one another, we confess that we have sinned. We have sin in word, thought, and deed. We have sinned through sins of commission and omission by doing what displeases you and by avoiding doing what pleases you. In your great mercy, your tender heart, and with your love for us in Jesus Christ, grant us repentance and your forgiveness. We pray in the Name above all names, Jesus Christ. 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**

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** **Good God Almighty**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z59I5IMkOy8>

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of the Almighty God, grant us hearts of flesh instead of hearts of stone in order to hear you, see you, and lovingly obey you. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Leviticus 19:9-18**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+19%3A9-18+&version=NIV>

### **PSALTER READING**

**Psalm 24:1-6**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm24%3A1-6&version=NIV>

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**“Lily of the Valley”**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IqNHbyWny4>

**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 21:1-6**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21%3A1-6&version=NIV>**GOSPEL****John 13:31-35**<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+13%3A31-35&version=NIV>**SERMON****"El Shaddai, God Almighty"  
Revelation 11:17****Dr. Carlos Baladez**

Recalling our central verse for this sermon series on Knowing God by Name, let us bring to mind once more our foundational scripture, Daniel 11:32b, "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." This verse is our guiding post for the series. Knowing God is pivotal to the life of the believer. Knowing God makes us strong and in His Name we are assured to do exploits.

Let us review the names of God we have encountered thus far. We started the year with Yahweh, LORD, the Self-existent One. We followed that with Elohim, God Mighty and Strong. Then, Master, Adonai, Rishon Va-Acharon knowing God to be the First and the Last, and then Adonai Yahweh, Sovereign Lord.

Since then we have looked at several names which highlight the character of God: Holy, Abounding in Love, Merciful and Gracious, Faithful and True, and Excellent in Wisdom. Currently, we are beholding God's power which is Mighty. In his power, God is Lord Creator who works wonders. In his power, God is Healer.

This brings us to today's name, God Almighty-El Shaddai. This name of God is also a compound name, All Mighty. He lacks no might and all might is his.

The first time we come across this name of God in scripture is in Genesis 28:3. Here, this name of God is used in a blessing. With this name Jacob blesses his younger son, Jacob. "So Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. Then he commanded him: "Do not marry a Canaanite woman. Go at once to Paddan Aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel. Take a wife for yourself there, from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham." Then Isaac sent Jacob on his way, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, who was the mother of Jacob and Esau."

The next time we see this name of God is in Genesis 35:9-15. This time it is God who blesses Jacob after their wrestling encounter at Peniel. God changes Jacob's name, i.e., his character from Jacob (meaning supplanter) to Israel (meaning God prevails).

"And God said to him, "I am God Almighty; be fruitful and increase in number. A nation and a community of nations will come from you, and kings will be among your descendants. The land I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you, and I will give this land to your descendants after you." Then God went up from him at the place where he had talked with him.

Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it. Jacob called the place where God had talked with him Bethel."

The last time we encounter this name of God in scripture is in the book of Revelation. Here, this name of God is mentioned several times. Within the mentions of God Almighty in Revelation we come to know God as the God who IS, having great power and with it reigning. His ways are just and true, his judgments are true and righteous, and God Almighty is the King of saints.

The last time this name of God is encountered in scripture is in Revelation chapter 21. Let's hear the words of the Revelation as expressed by John, the firsthand witness. "Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ... I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." (Revelation 21:1-7, 22-27, NIV).

Listen to the following:

El Shaddai (lyrics) by Amy Grant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clt8BoHb0JE>

Now, go then, review the scriptures, meditate on them, and contemplate your Great and Almighty God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you personally God Almighty in your

life. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Nothing is impossible for him for he is El Shaddai, God Almighty.

To God be the all the glory, honor, and praise now and forevermore. Amen!

\* **HYMN**                      **"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"**    **Blue Hymnal #341**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDeiy9-t2GE>

### **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**

Almighty God we intercede for the day and its tasks.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for the world and its needs.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for the Church and her life.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for the people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for your creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for those in despair and darkness, that they may find the love and light of Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Almighty God we intercede for prisoners and captives.

**Lord in your mercy hear our prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

**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, the power and the glory forever.**

### **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 Almighty accept and bless us, and multiply our tithes, offerings, gifts for your name's sake. Amen,

#### **\* CLOSING HYMN**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Blue Hymnal #276**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4ox4es1jo8>

#### **\* BENEDICTION**

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and increase your numbers until you become a community of peoples. May he give you and your descendants the blessing given to Abraham, so that you may take possession of the land where you now reside as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham." Go forth and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those you meet today.

#### **\* 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." We invite you to come and join us, if you are able.**

## Weekly Calendar

TBD  
TBD  
Sunday  
Sunday

TBD  
TBD  
10:00 AM  
11:00 Am

Food Pantry  
Clothes Closet  
Sunday School  
Worship Service

Holy Communion is observed the First Sunday of each month.

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## Crestholme Presbyterian Church Officers

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Vacant

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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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