

**Welcome to  
Crestholme Presbyterian Church  
7th Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 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:** "Trumpet Tune" **Purcell**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IyCJETwOb7U>

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Sunday, 06/05/22 is Communion Sunday.

**THE BELLS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" **Choir**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l\\_UioRxNtmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_UioRxNtmw)

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**All:** The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.

**LEADER:** All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, LORD. For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**All:** Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name. (Ps. 97, NIV)

**OPENING PRAYER**

King Jesus, Lord of Hosts, we come before you this morning to join the hosts of heaven in worshipping you and praising your name for who you are and for what you have accomplished. It is Finished! Amen.

**\* OPENING HYMN** "America The Beautiful" **Red Hymnal #799**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGKgwB734P4>

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

King, LORD of Hosts, why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." King LORD of Hosts forgive us when we in our foolishness act like these kings of the earth and these rulers who band together against you. In your mercy grant us true repentance and allow us to bring forth the gifts and fruit of repentance. In Jesus' name, we beseech thee. 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**

**A Mighty Fortress is our God**

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

## **Hear the Word of God**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Lord of Hosts, you who rides on the wings of the wind and makes the clouds your chariots, make haste to open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, and our hearts to fee and obey you this morning as we listen for your Spirit to speak to us through you Holy Word. Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Kings 2:1-15**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Kings+2%3A1-15&version=NIV>

### **PSALTER READING**

**Psalms 2**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ps+2&version=NIV>

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**"A Song of Peace"**

**Choir**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkpDWO6qHcc>

**NEW TESTAMENT READING****Revelation 22:12-14**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+22%3A12-14&version=NIV>

**GOSPEL READING****John 5:1-9**

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

**SERMON "Melek Yahweh Tsabaot, King LORD of Hosts" Dr. Carlos Baladez  
Isaiah 6:3, 5**

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ... "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." (NIV)

Do you ever fear? Doubt? Or experience Unbelief? What do you do in such cases? Where do you turn? What is your attitude towards these enemies of the Lord when you encounter them?

It has been said that the command of God to humankind, "Do not fear," is encountered 365x in scripture. Why is this particular command and not "Love God" or "Love you neighbor as yourself" repeated so often?

Maybe it goes back to the Garden of Eden. Perhaps fear is primordial? After all, when the first humans fail to trust God, the first emotion they felt was fear. After their eyes "were opened," they covered their nakedness and hid from the Creator of All, who is LOVE.

Why do we doubt? Perhaps the answer again lies in the beginning, in Genesis 3. The serpent was the very first one in scripture to pose a question. And not just any question, but a question with a malicious intent, a seed of sorts, to plant doubt, "Hath God said...?" You can almost hear its hissing voice.

And unbelief? Once more, we can turn to the opening chapters of scripture and listen to the voice of God asking the male creation, "Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man's response could have been a confession of repentance but instead, he answers with a declaration of blame. No acceptance of personal responsibility, only blame of the others. In this case, blaming the woman and God.

By the time Isaiah came on the scene, about 2000 years after Genesis 1, the people of Israel were all too familiar with these three enemies of God. As a result, they found themselves servicing foreign kings, false gods, and were soon to be in exile. These false gods were made by human hands out of gold, silver, and wood. After using half of the log to make false gods to worship, the craftsmen would use the other half of the log to

make fires to keep them warm. Their eyes were sealed to the absurdity. Lost in the darkness of their hearts, minds, and souls. Wasting their strength in pits of despair.

Under these conditions, we meet Isaiah. Like Noah, Isaiah too found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Isaiah's eyes were opened to see. To see the majesty of the Creator of the Universe. To see the Lord of the Hosts of heaven, seated high upon his throne. Is it any wonder Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me!?"

People become sick from the effects of fear suffering from anxiety, panic attacks, and irrational phobias. People are engulfed by a pontificating spirit when under the influence of doubt and become cynical when drunk with unbelief. Our minds become mush while our hearts become hard as stone. Mushy minds and stony hearts - not a winning combination. These individuals start making statements like, "There is no God," or "God is dead!" God calls these individuals, "FOOLS!"

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices, the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" Cried, Isaiah. He confessed, "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."  
(Isaiah 6, NIV)

In the midst of mourning, death, and defeat, for it was in the year that King Uzziah died, here in this time, and in this space, The Lord of Hosts shows up and opens Isaiah's eyes to see. Not like Adam's eyes were "Opened," as a result of distrust, but as an act of sheer grace on behalf of God's part towards Isaiah.

Fear, doubt, and unbelief are confronted, exposed, and slain by the Lord of Hosts! God shows up and shows off. Sight, true sight is restored to Isaiah as he sees with his own eyes the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. He is also given true sight to see in the true Light, that above the Lord were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying." Simultaneously, Isaiah's ears are open and he hears these angelic beings calling to one another saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." Isaiah is able to feel in this holy presence. At the sound of these angelic voices, the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke."

Isaiah knew and confessed what Adam failed to confess, Isaiah cried out, "Woe to me!" "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."



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 AND HYMN OF INTERCESSION**

Prayers of the people (here insert your person prayers) followed by our hymn of intercession

**\*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)

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Together as one, let us 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"

### **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=HqpXWF15avU>

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord of Hosts, accept what we offer you today. Bless, transform, and multiply these humble gifts into new life as a witness to your love and power. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN "God of Our Fathers" Red Hymnal # 809**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQpHsQez-JU>

**\* BENEDICTION**

The Lord of Hosts surrounds you, therefore fear not but go forth in His Son's risen power and love, sharing God's love with all you encounter. Give freely as it freely has been given to you. Go forth victoriously, army of God! Amen.

**\* POSTLUDE**

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

**Next Sunday, Dr. Carlos Baladez will be leading worship continuing with our sermon series, "Knowing God by Name."**

